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LIST OF DEPARTURES FROM BOMBAY

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Date of Sailing, 1903	Steamer.	Tons.	Connecting at Aden with	Tons.
saturday, 2 p.m.				
12th Dec.	PERSIA	7951		
19th "	PENINSULAR	5294	BRITANNIA	6315
26th "	MONGOLIA	8500		
1904.				
2nd Jan.	ORIENTAL	5284	CHINA	7912
9th "	CALEDONIA	7558		
16th "	PENINSULAR	5294	VICTORIA	6522
23rd "	EGYPT	7912		
30th "	ORIENTAL	5284	HIMALAYA	5898
6th Feb.	MARMORA	10500		
13th "	PENINSULAR	5294	INDIA	7911
20th "	ARABIA	7963		
27th "	ORIENTAL	5284	MOLDAVIA	9777
5th Mar.	PERSIA	7951		
12th "	PENINSULAR	5294	ARCADIA	6903
19th "	MACEDONIA	10100		
26th "	ORIENTAL	5284	AUSTRALIA	8601
2nd Apl.	CALEDONIA	7558		
9th "	PENINSULAR	5294	OCEANA	6616
16th "	EGYPT	7912		
23rd "	ORIENTAL	5284	MONGOLIA	9500
30th "	ARABIA	7963		
7th May	PENINSULAR	5791	CHINA	7912
14th "	MOLDAVIA	9777		
21st "	ORIENTAL	5284	HIMALAYA	6898
28th "	PERSIA	7951		

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Vessels.	Tons.	Captains.	To Sail on THURSDAY.
NERA	5,876	Chevallier	31st Dec. 1903.
CALEDONIEN	4,315	Marcantetti	28th Jan 1904.
DUMBEA	5,807	Schmitz	25th Feb. 1904.

INTERCHANGEABLE TICKETS WITH THE AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S S. N. Co.

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Steamer.	Captain.	Tons.	To sail on or about
IMPERATRIX	G. Ghezzo	4,191	1st Jan. 1904.
IMPERATOR	F. Mosca	4,119	1st Feb. 1904.
IMPERATRIX	G. Ghezzo	4,191	1st Mar. 1904.
IMPERATOR	F. Mosca	4,119	1st Apr. 1904.

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Steamer.	Captain.	Tons.	To sail on or about
† NIPPON	G. Klansberger	6,317	28th Dec. 1903
TRIESTE	E. Mecozzi	5,096	24th Dec. 1903.
† CHINA	F. Ivellich	5,040	22nd Jan. 1904
MARIA VALERIE	P. Berberovich	4,235	14th Feb. 1904

* Will call at Karachi. † Will call at Fiume.

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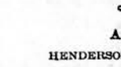

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A.	CITY OF VENICE	6200	W. Knaut	24th Dec.
C.	HADDON HALL	6800	A. Buck	4th Jan. 1904.
C.	RYDAL HALL	7200	Foster Curtis	10th Jan.
A.	PROMK	8200	F. McKay	12th Jan.
A.	CITY OF ATHENS	8000	J. Wilson	3rd Feb.
B.	MERTON HALL	6700	C. Prowse	16th Feb.
A.	CITY of BOMBAY	9000	F. Snow	4th Mar.
A.	CITY of OXFORD	6000	A. Findlay	10th Mar.
A.	CITY of VENICE	6200	W. Knaut	20th Mar.
B.	MERTON HALL	6700	C. Prowse	20th Apl.
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The following are the conditions of sale :—

The sale is subject to the confirmation of the Municipal Commissioner and the Corporation.

If during the sale any dispute shall arise between two or more bidders the right shall be put up again at the previous undisputed bid.

The successful bidder shall be entitled not only to the right of skinning the dead animals but to the whole carcass—bones horns, hoofs, fat in fine all the component parts existing.

The purchaser shall, on the day the sale is concluded, pay a sum of Rs. 3, 00 as deposit for the due and faithful performance of his contract, which amount shall at the option of the Commissioner be deducted from the first quarterly instalment (calculated at one-fourth of the accepted bid) due on 1-4-1904. If such deduction is allowed, the remaining three instalments shall each be for an amount equal to one-third of the amount of the accepted bid, minus the additional amount paid over and above the orig nal deposit of Rs. 3,000 as first instalment. If no deduction on account of the original deposit is permitted by the Commissioner, the said deposit of Rs. 3,000 shall be retained as earnest money for the due and faithful performance of the contract and the instalments payable on the 1st day of each quarter shall be calculated at one-fourth of the amount of the successful tenderer's bid.

The deposit shall be retained by the Municipal Commissioner without interest, if paid in cash till the expiration of the contract.

On the Contractor refusing to sign the contract or failing to carry out any of the conditions of the contract or failing to pay the periodical instalments he shall forfeit his deposits and the right will be re sold at the sole expense and cost of the Contractor for the remaining term of the contract, holding his first Contractor responsible for any loss that may arise on such second sale beyond the amount originally deposited.

The Contractor will have to pay the full stamp duty on the contract and charges for executing it. Any further information on the subject can be obtained by applying to the Executive Health Officer.

W. L. HARVEY,
Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay.
Municipal Offices, Bombay, 9th December, 1903.

BOMBAY MUNICIPALITY.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.

SEALED TENDERS will be received by the Municipal Commissioner for the City of Bombay, up to 2 P.M, on THURSDAY, the 14th January, 1904, for the SUPPLY of the following DISINFECTANTS for a period of one year from 1st March, 1904, to 28th February, 1905, the approximate quantities to be supplied in each quarter being as under :—

Carbolic Acid Powde (containing not less than 25 per cent. of Carbolic Acid) 200 boxes, each box containing 100 lbs of powder.
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Perchloride of Mercury, 10 cwts.

Printed Forms of Tender and conditions of contract can be had on payment of one rupee for each form of Tender at the office of the Executive Health Officer.

2. Tenderers have the option of tendering for all or for any one or more of the different kinds of disinfectants specified in para 1.

3. Samples of disinfectants should accompany each tender. Tenders sent without samples will not be considered. Quality and names of manufacturers of each disinfectant should be given.

4. A deposit of Rs. 1,000 must be paid into the Chief Accountant's Office at the time of lodging tenders which will be forfeited in case of withdrawal of tender or of refusal to sign the contract.

5. The successful tenderers will have to pay a further deposit as per condition of contract. The security deposit if paid in cash will bear no interest.

6. Samples of disinfectants supplied by the Contractor may be taken by the Health Officer from the supplies delivered by the Contractor and sent for examination every month or at such time as may be found expedient to the Chemical Analyser to Government at the expense of the Contractor.

7. The successful tenderers shall have to pay the full stamp duty on the contract and the charges for executing it.

8. Tenderers must distinctly understand that the terms as regards deposits &c., stipulated in the tender forms will not be allowed to be altered by the Contractor before or after the acceptance of the Tender on the grounds of former precedents or for any other reasons.

9. The Municipal Commissioner does not bind himself to accept the lowest or any Tender.

W. L. HARVEY,
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Petition for Probate of the last Will and Testament of SHAH DEVCHAND JADAVJI, widower, unemployed, late of Bombay, Hindu inhabitant, deceased.

1. THAKER JIVANDAS DAMODERDAS, a Cloth Merchant of Bombay, Hindu inhabitant, residing at No. 5, Pobawala, without the Fort of Bombay, 2. SHAH AMARCHAND KAHANJI, a Freight Broker of Bombay, Hindu inhabitant, residing at No, Hasanali Lane, without the Fort of Bombay, and 3. SHAH TARACHAND KAHANJI, a Share Broker of Bombay, Hindu inhabitant, residing at No, Mookhana, without the Fort of Bombay, the Executors according to the tenor of the Will of the abovenamed deceased .....Petitioners.

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Witness SIR LAWRENCE H. JENKINS, K. C. I. E., Chief Justice at Bombay aforesaid, the Seventh Day of December in the year of our Lord, One Thousand Nine Hundred and Three, and in the third year of our Reign.

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6 4	6 10	6 7 9	6 3 3
—3	—3	—3	—3
April-May.	May-June.	June-July	July-Aug.
6 3 7	6 3 6	6 3 4	6 3 2
—	—3	—3	—3

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Receipts at the Port	... ...	...	17,000
Do. last year	... ...	...	26,000
Exports to Great Britain	... ...	...	9,000
Do. do Continent	... ...	...	11,000
Mid-Uplands	... ...	...	12 25 —15
Futures, month of Dec.	... ...	...	11 55 —10
Do. do. March	... ...	...	12 20 —4

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Spot	... ...	11 7-8 —1-8
Futures, month of March	... ...	12 31 + 1
Do. do. June	... ...	12 53 + 2
Tone at close	... ...	steady.

Arrivals of Cotton, Wheat and Seeds into Bombay, during the 24 hours ending at 6 p.m., on Thursday, 10th December, 1903:—

Cotton	6,863 bales.
Wheat	18,766 qrs.
Linseed	3 410 „
Rape, Rai and Mustard Seeds	3,141 „
Gingellyseed	27,551 „
Poppyseed	1,892 „
Groundnuts	213 „
Castorseed	4,120 „
Rice	7,056 „
Myrabollams	5,052 „
Cottonseed	5,276 „

BOMBAY, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11.

COTTON.

HOME MARKETS.—The intense excitement which prevailed in the American markets last week, seems for the present to have culminated on Saturday last, when the highest values known for many years were touched. A drop of 33 and 26 points in Futures in New York on Monday, when the market re-opened, has been followed by fluctuating markets, both in America and Liverpool, the net result on the week, so far as the leading market is concerned, being as follows:—

IN NEW YORK—

	3-d Dec.	10th. Dec.
Mid-Uplands	12 45	12 25 —20
Futures, month of Dec.	11 32	11 85 —47
„ „ March	12 23	12 20 —33

The "strong deposition" on the part of Lancashire to regard last week's Bureau estimate as considerably below the actual cotton crop seems to be gaining ground everywhere, and a crop of nearer 11 million bales than 10 million bales is generally anticipated. The future will show which estimate is correct, but the Agricultural Bureau estimate has been so often incorrect that there are good grounds for the present one to be doubted.

LOCAL MARKET.—During the week there has been a considerable drop in prices here, and good Broach which touched Rs. 265 at the commencement of the week in the native bazaar was yesterday offering at Rs. 247. Damangaum-Poolgaum styles and Oomras generally also show a marked fall in values, also could be bought to-day at Rs. 11 o Rs. 12 below Monday's quotations Mathra is Rs. 11 lower, and Westerns Rs. 11, and fine Broach also shows a fall of Rs. 11. As the market dropped there was a rush to sell, and the eagerness shown to make contracts caused buyers to hold back in anticipation of lower prices. The business passing has been only on a moderate scale for forward delivery. The decline has extended to ready cotton and for this also the demand has fallen off. Exporters and mills are bying quietly against their present requirements. A large amount has been sold for delivery this month, but arrivals are increasing and are expected to be larger shortly.

The following are the official quotations of the Bombay Cotton Trade Association, Limited:—

	Fine F.-G	Gd. Delivery.
Bengal (H.-G.) (Ry. terms)	... ...	... ...
Bengal (M.-G.) (Ry. terms)	... ...	... ... „
Sind-Punjab (M.-G.)	... ...	... ... „
Belati (M.-G.) description	... ...	... ... „
Khandeish (M.-G.)	... ...	... ... „
Akola d-	... ...	... ...
Khamgaum do.	... ...	... ... „
Kranja do.	... ...	... ... „
Damangaum Poolgaum (M. G.)	... ...	... ... „
Nazpur (M.-G.)	... ...	... ... „
Broach do.	... ...	... 250 25 March
Bhownugger Do.	... 244	234 ... 25 May.
Do. (H.-G)	... 212	232 ... „
S.O. Dharwar	... ...	... ...
Westerns	... ...	... 232 „

LIVERPOOL OPENING TELEGRAM.

Tone..... quiet but steady.
Estimated sales ..... 7 000 bales
Imports ..... 6,000 „

Dec.-Jan.	Jan.-Feb.	Feb-Mar.	Mar-Apl.
6 4 4	6 4 0	6 3 9	6 3 8
unchanged	uncharged	unchanged	unchanged
Apl-May	May-June	June-July,	
6 3 7	6 3 6	6 3 4	
unchanged	unchanged	unchanged	
July-Aug.	Aug.-Sept.		
6 3 3	6 1 7		
+1			

COTTON STATISTICS, Bales.

Receipts for the week	51,814
Receipts from 1st Oct. to 20th December	189,935
Shipments for the week, to Europe	3,420
Do. China, Japan, and Coast Ports	21,833
Total	25,283
Shipments from 1st October to 20th Dec.	
Europe	31 431
Japan	1 912
China	70 461
Coast Ports	3,079
Total	112,883
Afloat in Harbour for Europe	5 260
China, Japan and Coast Ports	15,132

FREIGHTS.

The market has been very quiet during the week with only a small business passing.

Rates are unaltered, viz:
13s. 3d. December January Open ports.
13s. 6d. February to May „

LINERS.—Rates in the ready "Rubattino" steamer have been made at 13s. 6d. Seeds and 15s. Cotton. The "Austrian Lloyd's" have booked at 14s. 6d. to 15s. for December, and 14s. 6d. for forward months, January to May. A fair line has been booked by "Hansa" Steamer January to May, at 14s. for Hamburg and Bremen.

The following charter is reported:—S. S. "Crewe Hall" at 13s. 3d. for Liverpool and Marseilles, January loading.

SEEDS.

LINSEED.—The market opened this week at Rs. 5-15 and a better demand having sprung up the rate advanced to Rs. 6, at which price we close steady with business going on.

RAPESEED.—During the week there has been more enquiry for this article, and prices have advanced one anna per cwt. all round. Closing quotation are as follows in a steady market.

Brown Cawnpore	Rs.	5-9 to 5-10 per cwt.
Yellow „	„	5-15 „ 6 „
„ Guzerat	„	5-15 „ 6 „

POPPYSEED.—With a limited demand the rate has gradually eased, and we quote at the close Rs. 6-4-6 with only a small business doing.

CASTORSEED.—Throughout the week the market has been steady and unchanged with a small business passing. The closing quotation is Rs. 21-4 to Rs. 21-8 for Madras.

GINGELLYSEED.—There has been some demand for export and on account of Karachi, and the local enquiry has been good for ready. For forward delivery there has been little doing, but prices have advanced slightly in sympathy with the demand for ready, and we quote at the close as under:—

Howree Khandeish	Rs. 33-8	per candy.
15 per cent mixed	„ 38-0	„
25 „ „	„ 32-0	„
50 „ „	„ 31-0	„
Black Kutnee	„ 27-0	„

WHEAT.

The market has remained quiet during the Interval with only a moderate business doing. Prices have declined about Re. 1 per candy, and the following are closing quotations:—

Pissi, 91 per cent ..... Rs. 30-0 per candy nominal.
Club, No. 1 ..... Rs. 29-0 „ „
Hard Red ..... Rs. 28-0 „ „
White Delhi ..... Rs. 4-4 per cwt

Week's Receipts of Wheat and Seeds:—

Wheat	181,675 cwts.
Linseed	24,633 „
Rape, Rai and Mustard Seed	19,953 „
Gingellyseed	145 403 „
Poppyseed	9 002 „
Groundnuts	2,211 „
Castorseed	24,983 „
Rice	98 314 „
Myrabollams	28 013 „
Cottonseed	47 093 „

EXCHANGE.

Exchange has varied but little, though always in the direction of firmness. A fair supply of bills have been placed at Is. 4. 9-32d December, and Is. 4 5-16d January-February, but for later months the supply is scarce. For Bank remittance the enquiry continues limited, but contracts have been written at Is. 4. 3-32d as early as the 21st December and as late as the 15th March. For June Is. 4d. has been done against Bills. Councils sold at the old price, but with a smaller percentage. Exchange closes firm, and money is in better request.

The following are closing quotations:—

Bank T.T.	1-4 1-32 at 1-16
Bank Demand	1-4 1-16
Credit Bills 3 Months Sight	A. 1-4 9-32
Do 6 do do	1-4 7-16
French Francs 5 do do	..... 170 3-4
Marks 3 do do	..... 138 3-4
Hongkong 30 Days' Sight	 125
Shanghai 30 do do	 175
Japan 30 do do	 150

MONEY.

The mail of the 27th November brings £200,000 silver and £70,000 gold, and the following Council Bills:—

Calcutta	.....	Rs. 31 20,0 0
Bombay	.....	„ 23 30,000
Madras	.....	„ 5,50,000
		Rs. 60,0 0,0 0

The mail of the 4th December brings £220,000 silver and £50,000 gold, and the following Council Bills:—

Calcutta	.....	Rs. 28 20,000
Bombay	.....	„ 24,00,000
Madras	.....	„ 10,90 000
		Rs. 63,70,000

The mail of the 11th December brings £1,20,000 silver and £50,000 gold, and the following Council Bills:—

Calcutta	.....	Rs. 30 80,000
Bombay	.....	„ 24,80,000
Madras	.....	„ 6,40 0,0
		Rs. 62,0 0,0 0

At the weekly bidding for Council Bills on Wednesday last the 60 lakhs offered were allotted at 1s. 4 1-32d. and the minimum rate received 11 per cent. No Transfers were allotted. Extras to the amount of 1 83 lakhs were given to Bombay at Is. 4 1-16d. The total amount sold during the week was 65 20 lakhs, and the amount to be allotted next week remains at 60 lakhs.

The following is the weekly statement of the Bank of Bombay for the week ending 28th ultimo as compared with that of the 21st —

LIABILITIES.	Rs.
Public Deposits	12,55,357 Increase.
Other Deposits	48,7 407 Decrease.
Sundries	24,820 Decrease.
ASSETS.	
Government Securities ...	6,63 370 Decrease.
Other Authorized Securities. ...	44 229 Decrease.
Credits on Securities ...	2,44,181 Decrease.
Loans do. ...	1,01,8 2 Increase.
Bills discounted & purchased ...	13,11,103 Increase.
Balance with other Banks ...	27,741 D crease.
Sundries	30,952 Increase
Cash	43,31,517 D crease.

The Bank of Bengal weekly Cash Balance is 41 lakhs down, and the Bank rate has been raised 1 per cent and now stands at 4 per cent, per annum.

The Bank of Bombay Cash Balance is as above stated, and the bank rate has been increased 1 per cent and is now 4 per cent. per annum.

The Bank of Madras weekly Cash Balance is 4 akhs down, and the Bank rate is unchanged at 4 per cent. per annum.

GOVERNMENT PAPER.

A feeling of harassment has pervaded the Market throughout the past week, the immediate cause being the very unsettled and unstable state of the Silver Market, wherein a slump of 10 to 15 per cent has been recorded. As the chief operators in Government Paper are often heavy speculators in Silver their attention has been chiefly centered on the latter market, the result being that the Paper Market has been comparatively neglected. Weakness has been the keynote of the situation throughout the week. Rates closed last Friday with buyers for cash at 98 5-16 to 3-8 and close to-day, probably with sellers at 98 for cash, and 97 15-16 for 5th January settlement. Other influences that have affected the Paper Market adversely have been a further fall of Rs. 41 lakhs in the Bank of Bengal cash balance, and the advance of 1 per cent. to 4 per cent. in the minimum rate of interest charged both by the Bank of Bengal and the Bank of Bombay. Although the Presidency Banks' balances have been depleted steadily for the past few weeks their reserves are still very large, and it is not likely that their minimum will again be altered this side of the New Year. Operators in Government Paper should remember that there was a large bear account carried over at the last settlement, and with dearer money ruling a temporary reaction is not improbable if the Market demands wider margins for carrying over again. Municipal, Port Trust, and other Bonds are neglected.

EXCHANGE—Tone firm.
GOVERNMENT PAPER—3 1-2 per cent.

Cash	... ...	98 0
1st Settlement	... ...	97 15

	Repayable.	Rate.
4 per cent Bombay Port Trust	... 1923	103
4 per cent „ „	... 1930	104
4 per cent „ „	... 1932	104
4 per cent Bombay Municipal	... 1931	103 3-4
4 per cent „ „	... 1943	103 3-4
5 per cent „ „	... Tanna	119 1-2
5 per cent „ „	... Sanitary	117 1-2
4 per cent Bo. Improvt Trust	... 1959	101
4 per cent „ „	... 1962	102

BULLION

We have had another very unsettled week in the Bar Silver Market, and business in the Bazaar has been brought practically to a standstill. There were several small failures amongst the dealers over the last settlement, and some of those who stood a short time ago a lakh or two to the good on their six or eight months' operations found themselves on the wrong side, to a not less extent, in two short weeks. To-day, however, there has been a considerable reaction in the price of Bar Silver locally. Opening at 63 1-8 for cash, it has risen to 64 1-4 which is equal to an advance of 1 3-4 per cent. It is difficult to account for the sudden change in the position, but it is supposed that it is not unconnected with the Government of India's requirements for currency purposes. There is nothing new to record in the Bar Gold Market.

PRICES OF BULLION,

	Rs. a. p.
English Bar Gold	24 0 3
Australian Bar Gold	24 0 3
Bombay do.	24 15 0
English Shield Sovereigns	15 0 0
Do. Dragons	14 15 0
Silver ex-duty Ready	64 4 0
Do. 1st settlement	64 8 0
Do. 2d do.	64 6 0

PIECE-GOODS.

The market has been steady during the week and prices have been gradually increasing. There is a fair demand from up-country for goods generally. The tone on the whole is encouraging and dealers expect to clear their purchases at good profits. Forward business, however, is difficult to place owing to the high quotations received from Manchester and only stray lines here or there are booked.

YARNS.

During the past week sales of about 7000 bales are reported. In some cases mills bought back their own yarns, and shippers sold in this market and are reported to have bought in the China Markets higher. More mills are running short time and others must follow shortly.

METALS.

During the past week there has been a good business done in COPPER and YELLOW METAL but prices having advanced at Home further business has become more difficult. In IRON and STEEL there is little doing and the market is quiet. SPELTER and QUICKSILVER are also quiet with little business passing.

SHARES.

The market has remained quiet during the week. Bank of Bombay shares are reported to have changed hands at Rs. 1292½, and are steady at the rate Commercials are unchanged at Rs. 50. In Press Companies Mofussils are steady at Rs. 575. Indians are reported to have changed hands at Rs. 1483-4 and are quiet at the rate. New Berars are unchanged at Rs. 525. Harvey and Sabapathy are quiet at Rs. 620, In mill shares Alliance have changed hands at Rs, 95. Central Indias have changed hands at Rs. 1,575 and during the latter part of the week they have been steady at Rs 1581. Swadeshis have changed hands at and about Rs. 780. Davids are quiet at Rs. 220 Currimbhais at Rs. 630 Chinas at Rs. 560 Colaba Land and Mill shares at Rs 375 A number of Empress Mill shares are reported to have changed hands at Rs. 175 A little business in James Greaves Mill has passed at Rs. 295 Jamsheds are weak at Rs. 90 Manekji Petits have ruled at an i about Rs. 2325 and close at Rs 2,335 Morarjees have changed hands at Rs 1,600 Sholapurs are quiet and unchanged at Rs. 1,800 Kohinors are quiet at Rs 335. New Great Easterns have declined to Rs 90 Khandesh Mill shares have changed hands at. Rs 605 In miscellaneous list Bombay Burmahs are week at Rs. 6 9,00 and quarter shares at Rs 1770 Badam Piles have changed hands at Rs 155 Marcks at Rs 142 Kemp are unchanged but steady at Rs. 245 Treachers have changed hands at Rs 585

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Bombay Telephones are quiet at Rs 23 3 4 Port Cannangs are unihanged at Rs 422 1 2. In Railway Companies Tapti Valley have changed hands at Rs 42 3 Ahmedabad Prantej are weak at Rs 500 Ahmedabad Dholka are quiet at par The rest of the companies are unchanged at previous quotations.

THE LIVERPOOL COTTON MARKET.

THE following report is dated the 18th November:—During the week we have had a series of excited markets. Strong advance alternated with sharp declines. But this is only natural: perpendicular advances, and perpendicular declines are of but rare occurrence. The advance which carried us to 5 67 8, for the current month was the consequence of enormous bull speculation, chiefly on the part of brokers. The declines were natural reactions, due to heavy profit taking by fortunate operators who had bought at considerably lower rates. The very heavy receipts also had something to do with the decline, but these, as we said last week, the almost unprecedented high prices for this time of the season, is blunt to bring cotton out. The South, we understand, genuinely believes in a considerably higher range of prices later on, but about 11 1-2 cents for middling is New York in November must undoubtedly prove a great temptation to sell. Something they will no doubt keep in hand for later times, in accordance with the instinct of their bull feeling, but there can be but little question that the bulk of the crop will come out now and later on, perhaps, say in December 4, January or February (who can tell?) we may witness that perpendicular falling off in the movement which is expected. You will ask: Why shall we hold this opinion because our most reliable friends in the South most empathically state that the present huge receipts do not in the least shake their conviction in a short crop. We have not telegraphed you the contents of these cables, because we do not wish in the slightest way to be sensational and we do not think that any figure we might telegraph, should be for a moment confounded with our estimate of 11,000,000 maximum to which we adhere. Ellison who, as you will be aware usually writes the daily cotton article for the "Liverpool Daily Post" stated a few days ago in that paper that the rapid advance since the publication of his figure of 10,577,000 bales for the world's consumption of American cotton, might considerably curtail, but we only made an official statement to this effect in his own name, this morning. Very little attention, however, seems to have been paid to this announcement. We continue to believe that, in view the depleted state of the world's cloth and yarn markets consumption will go in on a full scale and eventually even top Ellison's just mentioned figure even though prices should advance further. A leading South German weaver has honoured us with the statement that German spinners are better under contract than they have been for many years, and that they are fully engaged up to the end of June, and that weavers have to pay a much higher margin than for some years past. Manchester too has nothing to complain of. There an excellent business in cloths continues for India, China is all round we maintain our opinion that in the long run higher prices are inevitable."

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

COMMERCIAL AND FINANCIAL NEWS

LONDON, DECEMBER 10

The Liverpool Cotton Market closed quiet. Surats firm.

Good Bhownugger	Nil.
The Manchester Market has been	steady.
2¾ per cent. Consols	83 3-16
3 per cent. Rentes	98 1-2
3 1-2 per cent. Sterling Loan	101
3 1-2 per cent. Rupee Papers	85 5 8
Bar Silver	25 3-16

The Bank of England Returns for the week ending yesterday show the following results:—Total Reserve £30,990,000; Decrease £160,000; Public Deposits £7,0 0,000; Decrease 7,000; Other Deposits £38,90,000. Decrease £1,3 0,00; Other Securities £31,300,000; Increase £2,0 0,000. Notes and Gold £21,0 0,000, Decrease £2,0 0,000. The Banks Reserve is 45 per cent. of the Liabilities.

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A cheque on the Mercantile Bank is now duly lodged for that purpose. The best six, if they desire an appointment on the staff, at our Studios, should communicate with me, at the Y. M. C. A. Buildings, Madras. The contest for the Gold Medal will take place the first week in the New Year, probably in my presence.

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23rd " " " 60 " "
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THE steamer Benlawers, 1483 tons, Captain H B Bee, sailed yesterday for Genoa with a general cargo.

THE steamer Meteor, 2519 tons, Captain A Vellinaki, sailed yesterday for Genoa and Marseilles, with a general cargo.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Ichoma, 3353 tons, Captain H J Wilsher, sailed yesterday for Calcutta and coast ports, with a general cargo.

THE steamer Cromwell, 1977 tons, Captain James Woodruff, arrived in harbour yesterday from London 3rd November via Karachi, with a cargo of explosives and general.

THE B I S N Co's steamer Kasara, 534 tons, Captain J T Hirst, arrived in harbour yesterday from the Persian Gulf via Karachi, with a general cargo, 39 cases opium, 54 horses and 72 deck passengers.

MEN-OF-WAR AND ROYAL INDIAN MARINE SHIPS.

In the Stream.

H M S Fox .....Comdr Pelham.....Royal Navy
H M S Hyacinth.....Capt Hon H L A Hood ....Flagship
R I M S Hardinge....Comdr A J G Pidcock.....R I M

IN GOVT. DOCKYARD.

H M S Rodbreast .....Royal Navy
Torpedo Boat No. 100.....
Do No 101.....
Do No 102.....

VESSELS IN THE HARBOUR.—DEC. 11.

Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination	Date.	Agent.
Deutschland bq	782	Nacoda			The Captain
Afton	1302	Pigott			M M & Co
Ranee	3534	Govan			T M & Co
Fazul Karim	996	Nacoda			G Muthwani
Nankin	2551	Roberts			P & O Co
Palitana	1094	Lemarchand			M M & Co
Orissa	3255	Fry			M M & Co
Katoria	658	Willis & Co	Persian Gulf		M M & Co
Ichona	3353	Wilsher			M M & Co
Mashtari	1119	Stone			M M & Co
Ula	3616	Stone			M M & Co
Marea	4451	Adams			K N & Co
Lootiana	2174	Hartley			M M & Co
W steinster Bridge	3726	Chivers			W & A Graham & Co
Pe insular	2760	Cubbit	Aden	10-12	P & O Co
Chindwara	1507	Carey			M M & Co
Dalhousie	1444	Macomish			M M & Co
India	2751	Plommer			M M & Co
Kt of the Garter	4234	Billett			K N & Co
Goalanda	1153	Cole			M M & Co
Banda	3791	Ferguson			P & O Co
Cromwell	1977	Woodruff			

VESSELS IN DOCKS.

PRINCE'S DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agent.
A	Gen Mannily	1775	Goodwin	Dunkirk	15-12	F M & Co
B	Dido	2127	Pickering	Hull via Karachi	15-12	F M & Co
C	Liebenfels	2137	Breiting	Hong via Kchee	12-12	P & O Co
G	Hastinos	1912	Lafras	Jeddah	12-12	B & P S N Co
H	Norbudda	1951	Stant	Zanzibar	15-12	M M & Co
N	City of Delhi	2835	Elliott	Karachi	15-12	K Nixon & Co
P	Puri	287	Raffin	Gen		N F H Ahmed
Q	Duke of Norfolk	2137	Anderson	Hamburg	11-12	M M & Co

HARBOUR WALL.

Poona	553	Mahomed	Bhownagar	12-12	Shpd & Co
Sabarmati	524	Ahmed	Karachi	12-12	do

VICTORIA DOCK.

Shed.	Vessel.	Ton.	Capt.	Destination.	Date.	Agent.
1	Theodor Wille	2350	Mayerhof			F Muir and Co
3	Rattlesnake	3611	Saporiti	Genoa	15-12	F Crocco
4	Ischia	2781	Mazzarini	China	17-12	F R S N Co
5	Pekin	2722	Goldsmith	Kobe	14-12	P & O Co
6	Benacal	752	Phillips	China	16-12	P & O Co
7	Maria Valerie	2643	Bergerovich	China	12-12	A L S N Co
8	Vienna	2553	White	Hull	19-12	F Muir & Co
9	City of Oxford	2603	Bailey	Karachi	13-12	K N & Co
10	11 Malta	3909	Daniel	Colombo	30-12	P & O Co
12	Persia	4108	Vinter	London	12-12	P & O Co
15	Zoroaster	2314	Evans	Hull	16-12	T M & Co

HARBOUR WALL.

Dwarka	759	Neilson	Karachi	12-12	M M & C

ARRIVALS

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander.	From
11	Cromwell s	Woodruff	London via Karachi
	Kasara s	Hirst	Jaserah, Dec 5

DEPARTURES.

Dec.	Vessel.	Commander.	Destination.
11	Ichona	Wilsher	Calcutta, &c.
	Sinlawers S	Bee	Genoa
	Meteor s	Vollinski	Marseilles, &c

The steamer Begonia, Captain Rutherford, obtained her port clearance yesterday for Karachi.

The following vessels entered for loading yesterday:—

Steamer Maria Valeria, for China, &c.
" City of Delhi, for Liverpool and Karachi
" Cromwell, Marseilles, Liverpool, &c
" Dumpea, for China and Australia.

(REUTER'S TELEGRAM.)

STEAMER MOVEMENTS.

LONDON, DEC. 10.

The B I S N Co's steamer Manora, left Port Said this evening.

The N Y K steamer Izumi Maru left Singapore for Bombay on the 10th instant.

The steamer Kinshiu Maru, left Singapore for Moji on the 10th inst.

SUEZ, DEC. 10.

The P and O Co's steamer India with the outward mail of the 4thinstant, left here at 5 p.m., on Thursday the 10th December.

DAILY EXPORTS.—DECEMBER 11.

FOR HULL.

Dhlo s—1090 cwt castorseed E D Sassoon and Co; 1293 cwt wheat Ralli Brothers; 81 cwt cotton seed, Volkart Bros. Zoroaster s—193 cwt wheats and 3291 cwt castorseed E D Sassoon and Co; 2040 cwt cottonseed Tata and Co.

FOR LIVERPOOL.

City of Delhi s—1 bale cotton 134 bales wool Forbes Forbes Campbell and Co; 70 b les wool Doongarsee Nagjee.

FOR NEWYORK.

R Rubattino s—20 cases asafœtida Valabdas Ranchorda and Co.

FOR HAMBURG.

Duke of Norfolks—124 bales cottonfy J C Tadiwala; 200 cwt rapeseed Ernst Lun and Co; 2 bales cottonfy W Wolf and Sons; 350 bales cotton Gaddum and Co; 1000 cwt Dilcake Giado and Co; 559 bales cotton Gaddum and Co; 7080 cwt rapeseed 4017 cwt linseed Ralli Bros, Lienbenfeld s—410 bales cottons A. Blaschee and Co.

FOR DUNKIRK.

Clan Macaulay s—603 cw. Myrabolams W Bechen.

FOR GENOA

R Rubattino s—103 bales cotton F O Jamersee 400 b les cotton J Tigool and Co; 2000 cwt linseed Killick Nixon and Co; 101 bales cotton and 2000 cwt linseed Ralli Brothers; 2400 cwt gingellyseed Tata and Co.

FOR NAPLES.

R Rubattino s—5 cwt Gum John Faciniri.

FOR SHANGHAI.

Maria Valeria s—156 bales twist Silas E Sassoon 1000 bales twist David Sassoon and Co; 200 bales twist Tatati and Co; 30 bales twist The Svadeshi Mills Co; 50 tons old Iron Societa Colombali Italiana.

DIVINE SERVICE.

3RD SUNDAY IN ADVENT DECEMBER 13.

ST. THOMAS' CATHEDRAL.

7-30 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion—Choral—Woodward in E flat.
Hymns—353, 217, and 551.
5 p.m.—Children's Service.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon—By Ven. Archdeacon Scott.
Hymns—51, 353 and 203.
Collections for—Church Expenses.
Daily Matins at 9-15 a.m. and Evensong at 5 p.m.
Daily Holy Communion at 8-15 a.m.
Litany and Evensong on Wednesday at 6 p.m.

ALL SAINTS' CHURCH, MALABAR HILL.

7-30 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.

ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST, COLABA.

(Afghan Memorial Church.)

8 a.m.—Celebration of the Holy Communion.
Hymns—322, and 153.
11 a.m.—Parade Service.
5 p.m.—Sunday School.
6 p.m.—Evensong, Choral and Sermon.
Hymns—161, 52 and 27.
Offertories during the day for Church Expenses.

ST. PETER'S CHURCH, MAZAGON.

8 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
7 a.m.—Holy Eucharist (Choral). Preacher Rev. Father Languoro.
10 a.m.—Children's Service.
10-15 a.m.—Matins.
6 p.m.—Evensong (Choral). Preacher Rev. Father Biscoe. Alms for the Poor.

WESLEYAN CHURCH,

(Colaba Causeway.)

8 a.m.—Parade Service. Preacher Rev C. Ryder-Smith, B. A.
6 p.m.—Evening Service. Preacher Rev Edward Gearey.
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School.
8-30 to 9-30 p.m.—Social Hour.
(Wesleyan Church, Victoria Gardens, Byculla.)
9-30 a.m.—Preacher—Rev. Eyward Gearey.
6 p.m.—Preacher—Rev. C. Ryder-Smith, B. A.
4-30 p.m.—Sunday School.

CHURCH OF ST. MARY THE VIRGIN, PAREL.

(Madras Time.)

8 a.m.—Celebration of the Holy Eucharist.
8-30 a.m.—Matins and Sermon.
Hymns—35, 217 and 53.
5-30 p.m.—Sunday school.
6-30 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.
Hymns—51, 50 and 203.

ST. NICHOLAS' SEAMEN'S CHURCH.

Opposite the Main Gate of Prince's Dock.

Patronal Festival.

8 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
6-30 p.m.—Evensong.

MISSION CHURCH, GIRGAUM.

8 a. m.—Litany. Holy Communion and Sermon.
6 p.m.—Evening Prayer, and Sermon, Subject, The Sinful Judgment. Is. xxviii 17.
Offertories for the Church Expenses and poor.

THE UNITED FREE CHURCH OF SCOTLAND, (Waudby Road.)

11 a.m.—Joint Service—(St Andrew's Church.)
4-30—Sunday School and Followship Association,
6 p.m.—Evening Service Sermon to Young men. Rev. Oler S. Crichton.
Hymns—161, 297, 272 and 617.
Psalm—109.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

(Bellasis Road, opposite Byculla Club.)

8 a.m.—Morning Service.
5 p.m.—Sunday School.
6 p.m.—Evening Service.

CHRIST CHURCH, BYCULLA.

8 a.m.—Holy Communion (Choral).
Hymns—353, 355, 320, 193 and 393.
11 a.m.—Matins and Instruction.
4-15 p.m.—Sunday School.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.
Hymns—53, 351 and 363.

BOWEN MEMORIAL METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,

(Apollo Bunder.)

9-45 a.m.—Sunday School and Bible Classes.
11 a.m.—Divine Service. Preacher Rev. Rider Smith.
6 p.m.—Divine Service. Preacher Mr. F. Anderson.
All Seats free and Strangers cordially invited.

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH.

7-30 a.m.—Matins.
8 a.m.—Holy Communion.
Hymns—4, 315 and 320.
5 p.m.—Children's Service.
6 p.m.—Evensong and Sermon.
Hymns—41, 256, 308 and 34.

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THE WICKED WORLD.

LEGISLATORS, preachers, teachers, moralists, and sundry other advocates for betterment have tried every weapon at their command to improve the human race, and to decrease the volume of crime, but prison statistics show that man is still astonishingly perverse, and that he is apparently determined not to turn from the error of his ways. In reading an article in "The Century" by Dr. James M. Buckley it is difficult to repress a feeling of despair at the amount of moral turpitude he attributes to the people of the United States. It might be consolatory if we could flatter any other part of the world by saying that such crime as is here recorded was confined to the North of America, but we cannot be so manifestly unfair. America has, indeed, one or two varieties peculiar to itself, such as lynching, and Dr. Buckley does not err on the side of severity when he advises that lynching should be frankly designated murder and punished accordingly. Race prejudice generally sits in judgment before lynch law or lawlessness is resorted to, but the law of the land ought to be strong enough to control both. There is a variety perhaps in the aggregate amount of crime in different countries, but the people of all with a cheerful unanimity break their country's laws. Dr. Buckley speaks of "the appalling epidemic of crime in the United States," and in order that his countrymen should realise it and take measures to stamp it out, he analyses the crimes and the criminals, separating them from the sound social strata in which the bad veins lie. A point made in this deplorable review is the alarming increase in juvenile crimes, and "of crimes of premeditation and ingenuity committed by persons under, or but little over, what is called legal age." And still more depressing is it to know that these misdeeds are not peculiar to the untaught or to the lower classes. They are committed by the highly educated, by those who have had all the advantages that schools and colleges are generally supposed to bestow. Among the sinners are enumerated bookkeepers, bank-tellers, clerks, and college-graduates, and further up the scale in age and responsibility come frail members of the clerical, legal and medical professions, who indulge in dishonesty, violence, and what may be called domestic defalcations. It is a common belief that intemperance has much to do with fostering wrong-doing, but there are many crimes devised by cool heads to the success of which the unsteadiness caused by drink would be fatal. Every religious denomination is represented in the black list, the greater number of the guilty being members and even communicating members of some Church. Then as to physiognomical formation on which so many anthropologists rely to discover the criminal class-man, Dr. Buckley says that one hundred might easily be selected from an ordinary group of one thousand prisoners who if "properly clad, could pass for judge, jury, lawyers, court officers, and principals in an important civil suit." Perhaps after such a verdict it is as well to add that this critic is a doctor of laws, and ought, therefore, to know what he is speaking about. At a lecture which he delivered to the inmates of Sing Sing prison, of the 800 listening to him there were some 150 who had been in responsible positions in the outside world requiring a considerable measure of education. Among the general inmates were even men belonging to families of marked position in the country with honorable traditions. Of fourteen men charged with murder whom the writer visited in the New York Tombs Prison cells, ten would "compare favourably with the male attendants at any religious service." It is melancholy to be told that many of the most hardened sinners in the Elmira Reformatory are well-educated and possess charming manners.

Very often the most malignant crimes are committed without what seems a powerful motive, and yet these misdeeds are increasing with fearful rapidity pointing to a shocking crudescence of depravity for which a cause must be sought. Poverty cannot be pleaded as a general excuse in the United States, for we learn that prosperity is wide-spread there, that money is plentiful, and is spent in such luxuries as bar-rooms, gambling-houses, and race courses offer to one class, while the rich are richer than ever, and "set intoxicating examples of luxury and recklessness." The criminal, when brought to justice, often displays an indifference which this observer considers a proof of long familiarity with crime and cool calculation of the chances of detection or escape. The want of settled principles leads to simple avoidance of legal crime, then to readiness to take risks across the borderland, and, finally, to a wholesale plunge into wrong-doing. As for the causes of the persistent plague of law-breaking, war, intemperance, and city life are set down as contributory. The close of the American Civil War threw back into civilian life an immense number of discharged soldiers, and though the immediate effect was not as bad as the stern moralist might expect, politics, Congress, business, society, and the people generally suffered considerably. There were attendant benefits to the credit of the country, but the price paid was too heavy. The Spanish War worked evil in a still greater proportion. Intemperance comes second in the national causes, for it works towards loss of self-control either casually or permanently; irritability, depression, super-sensitiveness, all these abnormal feelings follow the indulgence in strong drink, and they prepare the way for crime. City life and its sedentary occupations, its stimulants, its excitements and competition, all tend to abnormalise the nervous system. The United States city-people are now at the third generation, and the result is a race suffering from nerve irritability of the keenest type, while displaying a strange strength as well as "an eccentricity of impulse" certain to lead ill-balanced individuals out of the straight course. Another cause is held by Dr. Buckley as having to answer for some of the increase in crime, the deficiency in early life, and later of "the physical and mental benefits of steady employment." This again is brought about by the action of labour unions, which limit the number of trade apprentices, thus denying to growing boys the knowledge, the occupation, and the interest in life such an acquisition would give. The supply of would-be clerks is much greater than the demand, and aimless roaming and idleness is the result. The struggle for success in every walk in life, too, is keener than ever, and the failures correspondingly numerous; these swell the ranks of the despondent and too often sink into the grim society of the criminal classes.

This writer touches on yet another reason for frequent breaches of the law, and it is a development only too common to the present generation in almost every country—a want of reverence for law. Reverence for anything is a virtue much rarer than it was two generations ago, or even one. But here it is the partial administration of the law that is held to be at fault. The well connected sinner finds his position, when he places himself within the reach of the laws of the United States very different from that of the poor man; even if he is convicted he can afford an appeal, and commutings and pardonings seem much too common to this moralist. A remedy for the lawlessness spreading in the community is to be sought in extending by co-operation the influence of law and order, by "reverence for law and the enforcement of law," in order to bring about a general conviction that obedience thereto is the best policy for every one, "regular employment, rational education, and the institutions of religion." These influences must be given a chance of victory over the evil ones that promote crime. In the administration of the law, Dr Buckley insists, there must be no nullifying of the findings of just juries and conscientious judges for light reasons, and personal influence must be tabooed. But there comes a temptation to ask if all this has not been tried before, are not the existing laws strict, have they not been enforced "tant bien que mal" for centuries, and yet crime has continued to raise its undiminished head. If crime be a disease, the result of a vitiated brain or bad moral atmosphere, laws cannot make the brain of the criminal healthy or clear the air. We can only hope to mitigate the evil. There is no patent rule by which a community or a State can be kept within the letter of the law or endowed with a passion for virtue. It is many a day since Solomon in all his glory, and David from the vistas of his ripe experience, and Job in deep despondency deplored the wickedness of man. There is no reason why he should not improve and be improved, but the optimist believe that the good or fairly good still out-number the wicked.

JAPAN AND RUSSIA.

THE reply of the Japanese House of Representatives to the speech of the Emperor at the opening of the Diet is a clear indication of the feeling which exists in Japan on the subject of the negotiations with Russia. It is correct to say that there is no important section of the Japanese people anxious for war, but, on the other hand, there is a strong determination not to accept peace at any price. The accusation that the Ministry has neglected its opportunities abroad, or in other words, that a blow ought to have been struck at Russia when she was less prepared to meet it than she is now, probably finds its inspiration in the decision of an influential meeting held last month in Tokio. A gathering, which included representative Japanese like Baron Shibusawa, Viscount Muira, Viscount Akimoto, Baron Mazepina, and the heads of important industrial and banking concerns passed a resolution affirming its belief that to suffer the situation to remain unsettled is not the way to safeguard the country's interests or to preserve the peace of the Far East, and, in the name of the whole country, urging the officials to have recourse at once to a decided policy. The speakers at that meeting declared that instead of surrendering the Liaotung Peninsula Japan should have fought in 1895 to secure the permanent peace of the Far East. The occasion to obtain this result, say the aggressive party, now presents itself again, but will not offer itself a third time. Against this feeling we have the admirable attitude of the Government which has been well reflected by the correspondent of a home journal who has interviewed Count Katsura, the Japanese Premier. He denied that Russia's refusal to quit Manchuria would be a "casus belli" for Japan. "There is no difference of opinion in our Cabinet," he said. "British opinion seems to be that if Russia will not withdraw it is no use making a fuss so long as the open door is guaranteed, with full maintenance of treaty rights; and the British view is our view in this." Japan, added the Premier, demands that the sovereign rights of China and the open door for trade should be maintained, and in this Great Britain and the United States support her. The Japanese Government had no intention of fighting on the subject of Manchuria, and there was no chance whatever of them being forced by the people or the military. The subject of Korea is, however, a more vital matter to Japan. Count Katsura declared that it was an avowed principle of Japanese policy that no other Power must meddle with Korea and any outside interference there would certainly be a "casus belli." He believed that nothing of the sort was likely to occur, and observed that some of the reports of Russian encroachments in the Hermit Empire were erroneous and others were due to excess of zeal on the part of individual Russian officers. The latest reports of Russian action in regard to Yong-Ampho are somewhat at variance with the views of the Japanese Premier and are not likely to ease the tension indicated by the resolution of the House of Representatives. The negotiations with Russia are, however, proceeding satisfactorily, and the Government is strong enough not to allow its policy to be unwisely influenced by a mistaken popular jingoism. The Japanese Constitution permits the Emperor to dissolve the House of Representatives, and it seems likely that this course will be followed.

INDIAN CATTLE FOR EXPORTATION.

IT is doubtful whether it has ever occured to the Indian ryot that there is the possibility of profit in the cultivation of other things than grain and similar produce of the land. At any rate it is clear that when he undertakes a new venture it is the result of external influence rather than his own initiative. Recently we are given to undertand, Indian business houses have been the recipients of enquiries as to the possibility of the development of trade in cattle for purposes of milk, draught, and beef. These enquiries have come from various sources, and the senders were evidently actuated by bona fide motives and assuming that a bargain could be struck on the question of price, and that the quality of the material to be supplied to them could be guaranteed, there is no reason at all why a brisk business should not at once be instituted. The question is whether the ryot could be sufficiently interested in the matter to take it up in a way to make it worth the while of the foreign importer to enter the business. We believe that at the present time experiments in cattle breeding are going on in this Presidency, and that on numerous occasions in the past experiments either conducted by or under the auspices of Government have been made with a view to supplying deficiences of stock after periods of famine. But we are not aware that the native agricultural population have displayed any great interest in these experiments, or that they have been encouraged by them to depart from the normal routine of their daily occupation on account of them. But at any rate these undertakings have never possessed the attractive savour of immediate pecuniary profit which is associated with a trading deal, and it may be that if the ryot could see in the breeding of stock a very substantial addition to his season's earnings he would be ready to take it up. As to the question of the price of Indian stock, we do not think, in view of the enquiries already alluded to, that there would be any difficulty in securing a market for it. We believe that a two year old bull buffalo can be bought in the Central Provinces for as little as Rs. 30, a steer may be had for Rs. 20, and a cow for Rs. 40. The best period for exportation would probably be a couple of years later, and in that case the buyer would have to pay on an average Rs. 20 per head more than the prices already quoted for his stock. Even these quotations, however, we think, would be low enough to tempt dealers to speculate. In different parts of India the prices and the quality of the animals vary. In Gujarat, around Delhi, and in Kathiawar, the best descriptions of buffalo are to be had, though of course higher prices than these mentioned have to be paid for them. One difficulty would probably arise and this might make the foreign buyer look askance at the deal. The buffalo is of course a water loving animal and thrives best on a tract with heavy rainfall. He requires access to deep water and is a bad worker in a hot sun. We believe that enquiries have been received from South Africa, and it may be that in some districts these conditions would not be possible. However buffaloes would be well adapted to the river districts of the Cape and would perform all the obligations required of them where they had free play to indulge their natural instincts. It will be interesting to see how far the negotiations we have alluded to will be successful.

THE NOBEL PRIZE.

THE philanthropist seldom benefits personally from the humane effort which he expends upon his fellow creatures, and that is perhaps the main reason why Mr. W. R. Cremer will be so generally congratulated upon the award of the Nobel Peace Prize this year. Though nominally the prize is awarded for the work of a single year, the recipients as a rule are life-long adherents to the cause of peace. Mr. W. R. Cremer is no exception to this rule. It is rather anomalous that one of the most praiseworthy efforts to promote the friendship of nations should have come from the inventor of one of the most terrible factors in war, the explosive dynamite. The Nobel Foundation was instituted by the will of the Swedish engineer and chemist, Fr. Alfred Bernhard Nobel, at his death in 1896. Its object was to award annually five prizes, each worth about £8,000, to the individuals who during the preceding year should have contributed most to the benefit of mankind. One of these was a reward for the best effort having as the object the fraternity of nations and the promotion of peace, and Mr. Cremer has, as Reuter tells us, just been added to the list of its recipients. One of the conditions of the awards is that no consideration must be paid to the nationality of candidates. At the first distribution which took place in 1901 the list did not contain any British names and in 1902 the only successful British candidate was Major Ronald Ross, who was awarded the prize for medicine. Mr. Cremer is thus the second Englishman to gain one of the prizes of the Nobel Foundation. His efforts in the direction of international arbitration and peace are well known. He has been interested in politics since 1868, and arbitration has always been his pet subject. He was the founder of International Parliamentary Conferences which have met since 1888 at most of the European capitals. He was instrumental in bringing about a treaty of Arbitration between Great Britain and America, and has been for a very long time the secretary of the International Arbitration League, having visited every country in Europe to advocate the objects of this organization. One of the conditions of the Nobel Foundation is that the candidate must have been responsible for one or more publications on the subject for which the prize is awarded. Mr. Cremer's writings for the cause of peace are as well known as his name.

HIS EXCELLENCY the Governor of Bombay, Sir James Monteath, accompanied by his A. D. C., visited the Flagship Hyacinth, yesterday evening. On his leaving the vessel a salute of 17 guns was fired from the ship in his honor.

LORD KITCHENER is expected to reach Calcutta next week if all continues to go well with the fractured leg.

MR. CLARKE, who has been acting as Postmaster-General of the Punjab, proceeds to Madras on similar duty when relieved by Mr. Stewart-Wilson.

MR. GEORGE MILLER, the well known polo player, who met with a riding accident at Mothari a few days ago, is making good progress towards recovery.

Mr. DEBBIE, on return from leave, has taken up his appointment of Accountant-General, Madras. Mr. Fred. Atkinson, whose furlough expires shortly, will be posted to Rangoon as Accountant-General, relieving Mr. Keene there.

WE ("Pioneer") mentioned last month that the new telegraph line from Chitral to Gilgit was nearing completion. The last section from the Shandur Pass eastwards was finished on the 29th November, and Chitral is now in telegraphic communication with India.

THE lately constructed telegraph line from Jamrud to Landi Kotal seems to be respected by the Khyber tribes, though it was anticipated that some malcontent tribesmen or outlaws might interfere with it. The line will serve a useful purpose when delimitation work begins along the Mohmand border next month. Heliographic communication can, of course, be maintained along the Khyber in case of any mishap to the wire.

THE latest improvement in the Engineering College at Seebpore, near Calcutta, is the installation of electricity in place of steam as a motive-power. The change has been carried out most successfully, the College Staff and the students having practically done all the work themselves. As the use of electricity spreads in India there will be a constant demand for men acquainted with its generation and application, whether for power or lighting; and the Seebpore students can rely upon getting immediate and lucrative employment.

THE main opposition to the Madras Coast Lighthouses Bill will, we understand, be on the lines that the State should bear the cost of the work and maintenance, instead of the shipping having to pay dues. The sum involved is Rs. 1,20,000 annually and a Sinking Fund will be necessary. The opponents of the measure will contend that the principle involved is one that has recently been formulated, though not officially adopted at

TELEGRAMS.

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

FIRE AT SANDRINGHAM.

Royal Apartments Ablaze.

QUEEN ALEXANDRA'S ESCAPE.

LONDON, DECEMBER 11.

The Hon'ble Charlotte Knollys, one of the women of the Bedchamber, who was occupying a bed-room underneath the bed-room of her Majesty the Queen at Sandringham, awoke at five o'clock yesterday morning, her room being filled with smoke.

Miss Knollys hurriedly aroused her Majesty and both rushed out attired only in their dressing-gowns, and had only reached the staircase when the floor of her Majesty's bed room collapsed.

The fire is attributed to the electric wire igniting a beam in Miss Knolly's room whence it spread to the floor and joists.

The fire was confined to two rooms.

His Majesty the King was on a visit to Lord Iveagh and the Queen promptly sent a reassuring message to him.

THE FAR EAST CRISIS.

Popular Feeling in Japan.

GOVERNMENT STRONGLY CRITICISED.

CENSURE BY REPRESENTATIVES.

LONDON, DECEMBER 10.

Reuter wires from Tokio that the House of Representatives has adopted without a division the reply to the speech from the Throne, accusing the Ministry of a temporizing policy at home and neglect of opportunities abroad.

This is regarded as doubly significant because hitherto the reply was only a formal expression of thanks to the Emperor.

LONDON, DECEMBER 11.

The "Standard" in a despatch from Tokio states that owing to the action of the House of Representatives, it is expected that the Diet will be prorogued and possibly dissolved.

RUSSIA AND GERMANY.

German Chancellor's Speech.

THE MANCHURIAN QUESTION.

LONDON, DECEMBER 10.

Count von Buelow, speaking in the Reichstag, said there was no part of the globe in which Germany was so little concerned as Manchuria and all risk of complications there was excluded so far as Germany was concerned. Germany's policy there was as circumspect and peaceable as possible. If, however, Germany became involved in the conflict it would not be her fault.

Referring to Socialist attacks on Russia, Count von Buelow said he would not allow himself to be deterred from cherishing most assiduously German relations with Russia.

THE ACCIDENT TO THE FLORA.

Cruiser off the Rocks.

LONDON, DECEMBER 10.

His Majesty's cruiser Flora, which went ashore on Denman Island, has been refloated.

THE CAUSE OF PEACE.

Nobel Prize Awarded.

ENGLISHMAN'S WORK RECOGNISED.

LONDON, DECEMBER 10.

The Nobel Peace prize, value £7,830, has been awarded to Mr. Cremer, the member for Shoreditch in recognition of his work on International Arbitration.

THE FISCAL FIGHT.

Meetings in the Guildhall.

THE GREAT PROTAGONISTS.

The City Corporation has granted the use of the Guildhall for meetings at which Mr. Chamberlain and the Duke of Devonshire respectively address the citizens.

ROYAL VISITORS FOR EGYPT.

The Princess Henry of Battenberg and two children sail for Egypt to-morrow.

THE INDIAN MAILS.

Acceleration in Italy.

In the Italian Chamber of Deputies to-day the Secretary of Posts declared that the Government had taken measures to prevent the regrettable delays in the transport of the Indian mails through Italy.

THE KING OF SPAIN.

His First Foreign Visit.

The King of Spain has arrived at Lisbon on a visit to the King of Portugal. This is his first foreign visit.

THE SOMALI WAR.

Reported Mutiny of Levies.

A report has reached Aden that the Somali levies have mutinied and joined the Mullah, but up to the present the report is not confirmed

LONDON, DECEMBER 11.

It is understood that the mutiny among the Somali levies is confined to one detachment and is not important.

A NEW Bridge Marker, the design for which we have seen, has been invented by Dr. Roberts of Karachi and brought out by Messrs Dela Rue and Co It is believed to be the simplest and best at present devised. It is an adaptation of a whist-marker, the pointers at the side scoring up to twenty-eight; Central figures up to 598. Anything above 28 being game is added to the central figures, which also record all scores "above the line" It seems an admirable substitute for the paper block and pencil. A pair of these "Bob" markers may be had from Messrs Dela Rue and Co. for one pound or from Dr Roberts, Sind Club, Karachi, for Rs. 16.

FROM RS. 10,000 TO 10

Rs 10,000 to 200 against placing the first in the Viceroy's Cup. CHARLES HARDING. Esplanade Road, next to Bombay Club, Fort, ...

(THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.)

THE ITALIAN CHAMBER

LONDON, DECEMBER 11.

Signor Giolitti, replying to an interpellation in the Italian Chamber regarding the demonstrations against Austria which had lately taken place in Italy, said the Government were determined to retain the friendship of other Powers and attached the greatest importance to the Triplice. All the Irredentist movements had always been vigorously suppressed and nobody abroad in any way doubted the Government's loyalty.

CRICKET IN AUSTRALIA.

The first test match commenced in Sydney in fine weather, but was afterwards misty with rain. About 17,000 spectators were present. The wicket was good.

The Australians made 259 runs for seven wickets. Noble made 132 runs unfinished.

THE PUNJAB MANŒUVRES.

SOUTHERN ARMY'S SUCCESS.

NORTHERN INFANTRY DEFEATED.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

LAHORE, DECEMBER 11.

The "Civil and Military Gazette's" correspondent wires that General Collins with the Southern Force on Wednesday gained a signal and complete victory which more than compensates for the reverse to the Southern Cavalry. The General with three brigades having taken up an admirable position in a line running in a north-westerly direction from the range and the cavalry holding high ground at Doomi the enemy attacked Doomi with a Brigade of Infantry and his whole Cavalry division. The Southern Cavalry retired whereupon the Northern Infantry advanced in skirmishing formation towards position. Strongly entrenched, General Collins made a counter attack and completely repulsed and defeated the Northern Force. Both the Southern brigades held their fire till evening remarkably well within the range.

General Blood decided that the attack of the infantry had been repulsed with heavy loss, that a second attack would not have been feasible with the troops in hand, and that an infantry attack on the 9th and 10th would have had no chance of success. In short the General would have had to retreat during the night.

The special idea for the Southern Force was as follows:—The Commander of B force will first endeavour to seize or capture the important post of Kuthal Station and when sufficiently concentrated attack the opposing force in the vicinity.

It is expected that the Northern force will be reinforced by the 16th December, and it is rumoured that the first phase of the manœuvres ends on Saturday.

The "Civil and Military Gazette's" correspondent with the Northern Force wired that upon the hour fixed for hostilities the army was at once in motion by midnight, and by a forced march took Neka according to the special idea which said that when the force was sufficiently concentrated it was to attack and defeat the enemy in the vicinity as it was important that the Southern force should be defeated without delay.

GAZETTE NOTIFICATIONS.

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 11.

FOREIGN DEPARTMENT.

Lieutenant Keys is posted as Assistant to his Britannic Majesty's for Seistan and Kain.

Captain H. A. K. Gough is posted as an Assistant to the Governor-General's Agent in Baluchistan.

Major F. W. P. Macdonald, on being relieved of his duties of Revenue and Judicial Commissioner in Baluchistan is posted as Deputy Commissioner and Political Agent in Quetta and Pishin.

Captain F. B. Prideaux is, on return from furlough, posted as Assistant Political Agent in Zhob

Major M. A. Tighe is posted as Political Agent and Deputy Commissioner of Sibi.

Captain A. B. Dew on return from furlough is posted as Assistant Political Agent and Assistant Commissioner of Sibi.

HOME DEPARTMENT.

The services of Mr. J. Wilson, C.S.I., I.C.S., have been placed at the disposal of the Department of Revenue and Agriculture, Foreign Department.

Mr. C. H. A. Hill officiates as Deputy Secretary to the Government of India, Foreign Department, vice Mr. S. M. Fraser.

THE CO-OPERATIVE CREDIT SOCIETIES BILL.

MADRAS, DECEMBER 11.

The Co-operative Credit Societies Bill has been forwarded to the Madras Government for expression of views and to obtain opinions of non-official native public in the Presidency. The Governor-in-Council has summoned an informal conference at Government House next Monday at which the members of the Government will meet and discuss the provisions of the Bill with the gentlemen who have been invited.

DEATH OF DEWAN BAHADUR SRINIVASA IYENGAR.

I regret to state that Dewan Bahadur S. Srinivasa Raghava Iyengar, C. I. E., died this morning at the age or 54 years. He has been ailing for some months ever since his return from Simla after completing the report of the Police Commission of which he was a member. Deceased began his life as a clerk in the Tanjore Collectorate and rose to be a head Sheristedar, The Board of Revenue appointed him Inspector General of Registration in 1889 and in 1893 the Order of the Companion of the Indian Empire was conferred upon him. He was appointed Additional Member of the Madras Legislative Council. For three years he held the office as Minister to the Gaekwar of Baroda. As member for the Madras Presidency of the Indian Police Commission deceased's services were specially acknowledged by the President, Sir Andrew Fraser. He was a fine specimen of a cultured Hindu gentleman, quiet, amiable, unassuming, in addition to being an able official, with great revenue experience. He was a student and recognised authority on the Indian Economic questions. In him the Government of Madras has lost a distinguished and very able official who, though at the close of his service, would have been a great help as adviser in important revenue administrative problems which are always presenting themselves for solution.

CAPTAIN A. D. RAMSAY is now carrying on Consular duties in Seistan, pending the return of Mr. Dobbs from duty on the Herat border, in connection with the reconstruction of boundary pillars. Lieutenant Keyes, one of the latest additions to the Political Department, goes as Assistant to the Consul there.

THE Secunderabad Correspondent of the "Madras Mail" writes under date the 7th inst—It is now finally decided that his Highness the Nizam will proceed to Gulburga "en route" to Bombay on Wednesday, the 9th instant. His Highness will stay at Gulburga for about a week, and reach Bombay only after the arrival of the new Governor, Lord Lamington. The Nizam did not start earlier owing to the delay in making the necessary arrangements for the usual honours at Bombay for which, under the rules, 15 days' notice at least should be given. This aroused surmises of all sorts. It is rumoured that during the present visit his Highness may purchase an excellent mansion at Bombay which he proposes to inspect while there. I give the rumour for what it is worth.

THE VICEROY AT ALWAR.

Installation Ceremony.

HIS EXCELLENCY'S SPEECH.

(FROM OUR CORRESPONDENT.)

ALWAR, DECEMBER 10.

His Excellency the Viceroy to-day installed the Maharaja of Alwar. His Excellency, in addressing the Durbar, said:—Your Highness, Sirdars, and Gentlemen,—His Highness the Maharaja, whom I have come here to instal to-day, is the third Indian Prince whom it has been my privilege to invest with full powers during my time. I regard this, and I hope and I am sure, that the Maharaja regards it as no idle pageant or occasion for the mere exchange of complimentary words. On the contrary, there seems to me to be a great solemnity in the moment when a young Chief takes over the rule of his country and his people, and I consider it a most right and befitting thing that the representative of the Monarch, who is the final sanction of his powers, should attend to perform the ceremony in person, and thus demonstrate the personal interest of the Sovereign in the princes who surround and support his throne. I am told that it is many a long year since any Rajput Prince was invested by a Governor-General of India, and that there is no ruling Chief now living in this part of India who was thus installed. What may have been the reason for this I do not know, but whether I am creating a new precedent or merely reviving an old one I at least feel sure of one thing, namely, that the reciprocal relations of the British Crown and the Indian Princes can lose nothing and may gain a good deal by their association at a moment of such importance in the life of the young ruler, for each of the two parties is naturally brought to consider his own position and his relations to the other, and the result is not only a clear understanding, but an incentive to high resolve and a trumpet call to duty. The Crown through its representative recognises its double duty of protection and self-restraint; of protection, because it has assumed the task of defending the State and Chief against all foes and of promoting their joint interests by the means in its power; of self-restraint because the Paramount Power must be careful to abstain from any course calculated to promote its own interests at the expense of those of the State. For its part the State thus protected and secured accepts the corresponding obligations to act in all things with loyalty to the Sovereign Power, to abstain from all acts injurious to the Government, and to conduct its own affairs with integrity and credit These are the reciprocal rights and duties that are called to mind by the presence of the Viceroy on such an occasion as this, and for my own part I should like to think that the ceremony of installation will be willingly undertaken by him in all cases where the high and the good reputation of the Chief may be held to deserve the compliment.

THE PRIVILEGES OF PRINCES.

I sometimes think that there is no grander opportunity than that which opens out before a young Prince invested with powers of rule at the dawn of manhood. He is among his own people, he is very likely drawn, as is the Maharaja whom we are honouring to-day, from an ancient and illustrious race. I especially rever ence are his natural heritage unless he is base enough or foolish enough to throw them away. He has, as a rule, ample means at his disposal, enough both to gratify any reasonable desires and to show charity and munificence to others. Subject to the control of the Sovereign Power he enjoys very substantial authority and can be a ruler in reality as well as in name. These are private advantages. Then look at his public position. He is secure against rebellion inside the State and of invasion from without. He need maintain no costly army, for his territories are defended for him. He need fight no wars except those in which he joins voluntarily in the cause of the Empire. His State benefits from the railways and public works, the postal system, the fiscal system of the Supreme Government. He can appeal to its officers for guidance, to its practice for instruction, to its exchequer for financial assistance, to its Chief for encouragement and counsel. He is surrounded by every condition that should make life pleasant and yet make it a duty. If in the face of all this he goes astray, if he practises self-indulgence and thinks only of the gratification of his own tastes or passions, if he yield to flattery or becomes a never do-well and a spendthrift, then I think that the fall is all the greater and the sadder, because it is a fall from so high a pinnacle, and because in falling he is not only injuring and perhaps destroying himself, but he is dealing a blow at the class which he represents and the princely order from which he has sprung.

COUNSEL TO THE CHIEF.

Maharaja, you are old enough to know all this and much more besides, for you have reached the age at which in England we describe a man as having attained his majority. In other words you have completed your 21st year. I think it much better myself that a young Chief should not be installed too soon. To take a mere boy and trust him with ruling powers is often not fair either upon him or upon the State, and many of the mistakes of the past have been due in my judgment to the premature removal of all discipline and restraint from weak dispositions or ill-balanced minds. The Government of India must, of course, judge each case on its own merits as it arises, but the tests which it must require to be satisfied, in each case, are the same, namely, that the young Chief has received the education and the training, and that he possesses the character that will qualify him to rule over men and that the interest of his State and people will not be imperilled or sacrificed by his elevation. It is because the Government of India believe this definition to be satisfied in your cause that I am here, Maharaja, to instal you to-day. You have had a good education; you have passed through a period of restraint and discipline; you have attained to the years of maturity; and I believe you to be inspired by a true and sincere desire to deserve well of your State and your people. I need not repeat to you the truisms to which I have so often given utterance elsewhere, for you know as well as I do what is the difference between a good Chief and an inferior Chief, and you know that to those who belong to the former class opens out a vista of usefulness and honour and renown, while the latter are speedily wiped out and perish from the thoughts of men. But though I need not repeat any of these things there is one consideration of which I may remind you, and which in itself will supply a stimulus to good deeds. Upon you it rests both to sustain the reputation of your family, so well known for loyalty and patriotism, and to support the honour and prestige of the Rajput name. There is a saying in the Latin language namely, "corruptio optimi pessima," which means that the failure of the best becomes the worst. I think that it holds true of blood and race as well as of moral virtues. A Rajput Prince who falls away from the ideals of his house and clan is committing a worse offence than a smaller man because he is casting a stain upon that which we are fond of regarding as the mirror of chivalry and high-breeding. But a Rajput Prince who is noble in character and blameless in deeds is adding something on his own account to the ancestral and famous reputation of his race

A SIGNIFICANT SPORT.

Above all remember, Maharaja, and these shall be my final words, that the life of a successful ruler cannot be a succession of fits and starts, now a spurt of activity and well doing and then a relapse into apathy or indifference. Every time that you slip backwards you miss some ground which it is difficult to recover. On the other hand if each move is a step forward, however slight, your foothold is always secure and no one can upset you. Remember, therefore, that you are like a runner in a long distance race in which there is no need to go very quickly at the start because you will want your breath and your strength later on, but in which you must husband your resources and regulate your speed. I call it a long distance race because in the case of a ruling chief the race only ends with his life. He cannot leave the course while he has breath in him. Though he may have started on the first round when he was only a youth, he may still be engaged upon the last when his limbs are failing and his strength has grown dim. I earnestly hope that your course will be long and honourable, that you will neither stumble nor lose heart, and that many future Viceroys, as they visit this State in the years to come, may find the good omens of this day fulfilled and may envy me for having inaugurated a rule that has turned out to be creditable to yourself and beneficial to your people.

THE MAHARAJA'S REPLY.

The Maharaja then made the following reply:—Your Excellency,—There are occasions in life when language fails to express the depth of feeling that fills the heart, and the present is to me such an occasion. Your Excellency has just returned from a memorable voyage to places over sea hitherto unvisited by any Viceroy of India, where your attention was devoted to subjects of international weight and interest. The multifarious duties of your high office must leave you but scant leisure for matters of lesser importance, yet your Excellency has been graciously pleased to spare a few days of your most valuable time to visit my capital for the purpose of personally investing me with full powers to-day in the presence of this distinguished gathering, and I can only feel, though I fear I can but feebly express, my grateful thanks for the great honour you have done me. This is, I believe, the first occasion on which a Rajput Chief has received his powers direct from the hands of his Sovereign's representative, and the event will be a landmark in the history of Alwar, the memory of which will ever be treasured by myself and my people. My first duty as "de facto" ruler of Alwar is to publicly tender my homage and allegiance to my Sovereign, his Most Gracious Majesty King Edward VII., Emperor of India, and I would ask your Excellency to convey to his Majesty my earnest assurances that the devotion and loyalty to the British Crown which animated my father will ever be emulated by his son. The kind words of encouragement and advice which have fallen from your Excellency's lips on the present occasion will serve to strengthen and sustain me in the fulfilment of those duties which your Excellency has committed to my charge. I am fully alive to the heavy responsibilities which have devolved upon me as ruler of this State, thanks to the training I have received at the hands of those officers who have been entrusted with the task, and to the watchful care of the various Political Agents who have supervised the administration of the State during my minority; and I pray that the Almighty will strengthen me to fulfil my charge to the satisfaction of the Supreme Government and the happiness and prosperity of my subjects.

After the address the Maharaja's attendants were presented to the Viceroy by the Political Agent, offering the usual nazar. When attar and pan had been distributed the Foreign Secretary asked leave to declare the Durbar closed. The Viceroy then left the Durbar Hall under a Royal Salute, accompanied by the Agent to the Governor-General and the officers in attendance.

THE BANK OF BENGAL.

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 11.

The Bank of Bengal rate for demand loans was yesterday raised to four per cent.

THE PRINCE OF WALES' VISIT TO INDIA.

The visit of Lieutenant-Colonel Sir W. H. Curzon Wyllie to India is understood to be in connection with the proposed tour of the Prince and Princess of Wales in India next year.

THE VICEROY'S SURGEON.

Captain Armstrong, Surgeon to the Viceroy, who recently had to undergo an operation in connection with his knee at Simla, has been obliged to take sick leave home for six months. Colonel Lukis will officiate.

THE PLAGUE IN INDIA.

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 10.

The total plague mortality in India during the week ending the 5th instant was 16,437 against 17,617 in the preceding week and 12,400 in the corresponding period of last year. The detailed figures are Bombay City, 46; Bombay Presidency, 7,073; Karachi, 6; Madras, 408; Calcutta, 14; Bengal, 778; the United Provinces, 2,252; the Punjab, 1,674; the Central Provinces, 1,888; Mysore, 573; Hyderabad, 529; Rajputana, 90; Central India, 1,094; Kashmir, 10; and the North-West Frontier Province and Coorg one each.

MILITARY INTELLIGENCE.

CALCUTTA, DECEMBER 11.

Lieutenant Hardinge, 97th Deccan Infantry, has been selected for appointment to the Military Accounts Department

Colonel Fitzgerald, Durham Light Infantry, acts as Deputy Adjutant-General, Madras Command, on the departure of Brigadier-General Neville whose tenure has expired,

Major General Sir A Reid is permitted to reside out of India on vacating his command.

Captain Butler, R.A.M.C, is appointed Personal Assistant to the Principal Medical Officer, Madras Command.

The Government of India have officially acknowledged as "very satisfactory" work done by Lieutenant H Biddulph, R F, in connection with the construction of the Connaught bridge across the Swat river at Chakdara.

Lieutenant R E Birdwood, 21st Gurkha Rifles, has received permission to visit the ports on the Persian Gulf and such places of interest in the interior as may be approved by the local authorities.

Lieutenant-Colonel F J Lambkin, R A M C, who has been detailed for duty in this country, will visit all military stations where his special knowledge and experience of certain diseases may be of use in order to demonstrate to the medical officers the method of treatment best suited to the diseases in question.

The Secretary of State has sanctioned an estimate amounting to Rs. 30,22 361, for construction of a railway on the broad guage from Phaphamau station on the Allahabad-Fyzabad Railway to Zafurabad station on the Oudh and Rohilkhand Railway, a distance of 37 1-8 miles. The new line will be known as Allahabad-Jaunpore Railway extension.

General Delarey arrives at Bombay on the 15th instant and will be attended by Brigadier-General R M Greenfield during his visit to the Boer prisoners at Ahmednagar.

ARRIVALS, DECEMBER 10.—Robinson, Lieut-Col. Bo A A G Mhow Dist, from leave from England.

Lochhart Mure Major, Bo. Poona Horse, on leave from Neemuch.

Cubitt Lt Col. Bo. 2nd Suffolk Regt on leave from Karachi.

Reid Major Genl. Bo. Staff from Mhow Dist.

Melville Lt. Beng. 5th Dragoon Guards, on duty to Lucknow.

Conyngham Major, Beng, R E, from furlo from England.

Trevor Major, Punj 15th Sikhs on furlo from Peshawar.

Chester Col, Beng, R A M C, on leave from Peshawar.

DEPARTURES: DECEMBER 10.—Reilly Capt, Bo, R A M C, from leave from Quetta.

Reid Major-General, Bo, proceeding to England from Mhow.

James Lt, M S 1st Lino Regt, on duty to Secunderabad.

Woolridge Capt, Bo, 13th Baluchistan on leave to Quetta.

WOMEN'S INTERESTS.

TO CLEAN DELICATE LACE.

NEW FRENCH SOCIAL FASHIONS.

AMATEUR THEATRICALS.

LONDON, NOVEMBER 20.

SOMETIMES all that is necessary to clean a piece of lace is to lay it between two sheets of white or blue paper, first sprinkling it well with powdered magnesia. Next place it between the leaves of a book for several days; then shake out the magnesia. When washing is necessary, take a cylindrical glass bottle, half filled with sand or water, to prevent the water when boiling from tossing the bottle about too violently. Very carefully wind the lace round this bottle, and cover it with a layer of cheese-cloth. A still better way is to baste the lace smoothly and exactly on a piece of cheese-cloth, and rinse thoroughly. Allow the lace to remain on the bottle until it is dry, then remove it and separate from the cheese-cloth. When real lace has become stained or greasy from wear, place it in a bath of pure olive oil, and allow it to remain for several hours, or even a day or two. This gives back the softness of texture it possessed when new. After this is accomplished, wind the lace on the bottle and proceed with the boiling. When the lace is too large to wind round the bottle, baste it evenly and securely to a piece of cheese-cloth with small stitches in parallel lines across the surface of the lace Baste another piece of cheese-cloth over it, and boil on a series of waters. After the rinsing, which must be accomplished by pressing and squeezing but never by wringing, pin the cloth upon which the lace is basted smoothly to a sheet stretched on curtain frames until the lace is dry. To iron unstarched lace, place it right side down upon a padded ironing-board. Over this spread carefully a damp cloth, and press with a hot iron until the cloth is thoroughly dry. A little white sugar added to the water in which the over-cloth is dampened will stiffen the lace, and is much better than starch.

The French are always fascinated by the new in social movements; hence the speed with which the "five o'clock" has become acclimatised, and even the cakewalk. Feminine society is much interested just now in the new club for women writers and women scientists which has been formed in London. Paris has no women's club properly so-called—that is to say an association of women with a club house. Some years ago a London society woman attempted with the aid of the Princess Mathilde, to found an institution of the society on Anglo-French lines. The plans were all made out for reading rooms, reception rooms, and the full equipment of a modern ladies club but the scheme failed because of want of capital and because, perhaps it was early days to speak of an entente The idea of the founder was that the club should be the meeting-ground for English and French women, and thus assist in the removal of national prejudices. The time is very much more ripe for such an enterprise at the present moment when international peace is being proclaimed from the house-tops. Whilst, as I have said, no formal club for women exist in Paris, there are plenty of associations which meet so many times a week in one another's houses for the discussion of literary and art matters and (be it said with bated breath) for the furtherance of political aims. Such has been the activity of women politics during the past few years that some regard it as a sign of an approaching change in regime, being mindful of the feminine intrigues that have preceded each coup d'etat. Boulangism was born in a drawing-room, and various other movements, equally abortive, have had a similar origin. But it is not to be supposed that Nationalist ladies have the monopoly of the plotting. It is a remarkable fact that many Parisian women of position and attainments are enamoured of Socialism. In more than one drawing-room and, indeed you may hear anarchy discused with mild approval—not that, in short, of course, that adopt bomb-throwing as an active creed, but philosophic anarchy — a blessed go-as-you-please attitude for Government and people. It is not too much to say that the present ascendency of Socialism in France is due to the influence of women. One has only to note the composition of a Socialist gathering to be assured that its tents are by no means confined to the horny-handed. There is no reason why the club, social, or political, or brainy, should not come to be in France. Women, though they are not emancipated in a civil and political sense, are as advanced in their ideas as their sisters of England and America They already enter the learned professions. We have at least one lady barrister in active practice here. Of Women doctors there are many, though it is only right to say that they are generally not French but Polish and Russian Jewesses. One has also heard of a woman dentist, who is established here and who devotes herself to the care of childrens teeth. The day is to woman and the woman's club, though one cannot imagine that public opinion on this side of the Channel would be easily convinced of the innocuousness of the arrangement that allowed lady members to entertain their men friends. That remains altogether too—Anglo-Saxon.

Amateur theatricals, like the more insidious bridge, are rapidly becoming an indispensable factor in modern society: At one time it was only during the Christmas season that country-house guests took to the mimic stage, and sought, often with indifferent success, to entertain an indulgent and none too critical audience. In these days the amateur actor and actress are in evidence all the year round, and many of them are as clever as professionals. The King invariably includes some professional theatricals when entertaining either at Sandringham or Windsor. Society selects its artists from its own ranks. At Alloa, where Lord and Lady Mar and Kellie were entertaining Lord Charles Beresford this autumn, amateur theatricals were a leading part of the festivities, and last week, at Tramby Croft, in honour of the Grand Duke Michael of Russia and Countess Torby, an excellent performance was given, in which several of the house party took part. Theatricals at Chatsworth are now quite an established fact during the early part of the year. Here there is a perfect miniature theatre with green-room and gallery complete. This year, instead of the usual couple of short plays, a pantomime will be given, a form of entertainment on which Lord Anglesey was the first to venture in his gorgeous representation of Aladdin, decked with precious jewels. Lady De Grey, too, has a charming little theatre at Coombe, where operettas have been most successfully performed. At West Dean Mrs. William James' big house parties generally include some of the best actors and actresses in society, and she and her sister-in-law, Mrs. Arthur James, have arranged a tour through some of the big towns of England for the performance of "The Manœuvres of Jane" by a company including Lady Forbes, Lady Rodney, Mrs. Ailwyn Fellowes, Sir Hubert Miller, Mr. Leo Trevor, and Colonel Newnham-Davis.

"Something old and something new;
Something borrowed and something blue."

The old rhyme was carried out to the letter by Miss Frances Harvey, whose marriage to Sir Patrick Playfair at St. Paul's Knightsbridge, will long be remembered in the annals of society weddings, as one of the prettiest mixtures of old-world superstition and up-to-date smartness. Green stockings for luck, was another quaint idea carried out at the wedding. According to tradition the wearer must be one bridesmaid out of six, and must be older than the bride herself. It was a small matter to excite so much interest, and yet the crowd of watchers outside the church door included many smartly-dressed women, whose single motive was to catch a glimpse of the green stockings. Each pretty bridesmaid as she stepped daintily out of her carriage had no thought whatever bestowed on her frock or face, all eyes being fixed with embarrassing earnestness on her feet. The wearer appeared at last in the person of pretty Miss Rugge-Price, and a sigh of relief went up when, on the opening of the carriage door, a little foot clad in emerald-green silk, became visible. Reverting to the rhyme, the something old was the lovely old English point on the bride's wedding gown, which itself carried out the something new by being composed of rich brocade velvet, the latest fashionable attire for bridge. Something borrowed was difficult to notice but the something blue might have been seen in the exquisite nosegay of orchids which she held. Something blue, too, was worn by many of the guests at the church, and pretty Mrs. Arthur Leslie, Lady Martin, Mrs. Boyle (whose dark blue dress was enriched with wonderful Russian sable), and Mrs. Atherton (whose bright blue velvet gown sported a single monster blue-mauve orchid in front) were some of those who, by chance or design followed out the bride's wish.

Monkey fur is likely to be fashionable for women's wear during the coming winter. A French furrier is responsible for the introduction of this latest novelty, and already a few wraps of the long-haired, silky, shining, uneven fur have been seen. One has cuffs, stole-collar, and muff of dazzling white fox skins. English furriers prefer mole to monkey fur, as it is new to the public, and pretty. Sable, however, is still the standard fur, and ermine is being generally used. There are two novel fur models. One is a pelerine cape of Russian sable, cut rather low at the throat, with a line of dark fur edging the triangular opening. Round the shoulders is a hood-like drapery of ermine, fastening in front under grey satin rosettes, and cut to a point at the waist line. From under the hood falls a flounce of sable, arranged in supple folds suggestive of plaiting. The other notable fur is a belted blouse of mink. Over the shoulders the fur is folded back, resembling a hood, the fur coming to a point in front and behind. Muffs are very large this winter, principally in sable, with the sides draped in box plaits, lined with ermine. The new whip bracelets—two slender lines of gold encircling the wrist, with the curl of the lash at one end and the stock of the whip at the other—are useful as well as pretty. The gold is pliable, and the bracelet works like a key-ring. One end can be raised, so that the chain of a purse or small bag can be slipped on the bracelet. The handkerchief can also be tucked between the lines of the bracelet.

Extraordinary interest is being displayed in the beauty show to be held at Leads Albert Hall when the Semifinals for all England will be decided. Mr. H. Kreminitz, the hon. secretary of the Leeds Physical Culture and Health Society, who is arranging the competition, said that there will be fifteen competitors of both sexes. About half a dozen of the competitors will be young women, who are to wear tights. The judges will consist of local doctors and other gentlemen who will witness a private preliminary test of the prowess of the women. The winners of the two prizes of £200—one prize for each sex—will proceed to New York and engage in a competition with the rest of the world. In addition to name, age, weight occupation, and a few other general particulars each woman has to furnish seventeen different measurements and to answer seventeen special questions of which the following are samples:—Do you use stimulants in any form? Do you eat ordinary mixed diet vegetarian or natural uncooked foods? Have you worn corsets? Give name of corset substitute if you wear one. How many hours do you sleep? Give two references of people who will vouch for your integrity and general good character. One of the competitors is Miss Marie Henderson, who will be the representative of the Tyneside Physical Culture Society. Miss Henderson is twenty-four years old, 5ft. 7ins. high, and weighs 10st. 6lbs. Her neck measurement is 14ins., bust 36ins., waist 26ins., round hips 37ins. thigh 32ins. calf 14ins ankle 7ins. forearm 10 1-2ins. and biceps 12 1-2ins She can walk five miles in 54mins. and thirteen and a half miles in 2hrs. 35mins. She lifts dumb-bells ranging from 80lbs. to 140lbs. and is a fencer boxer, ball puncher, gymnast and cyclist. Miss Henderson does not wear corsets and to this fact she attributes her splendid proportions. Her food is selected from lean meat, fowls, fish, vegetables and ripe fruit. London is promised a display on somewhat similar lines early in the New Year. The promoters of the recent baby show in South-East London are arranging a beauty show for maidens up to twenty-five years of age.

CYCLING AND MOTORING AT HOME.

LONDON, NOVEMBER 20.

CLUB life, more specially the social side of Club life, has occupied a very prominent position in the cycle press just lately, and it would seem that the press intends making a determined attempt to foster and encourage this branch of the pastime. It has frequently been stated that cycling clubs have outlived their usefulness and that only a very few enjoy anything like prosperity. But this is a mistaken idea, and recent facts have proved that club life has the same vitality as of yore, only the doings of the clubs have not been so widely reported. In this connection the reporting hon. secs. are much to blame. Not every club appoints an officer to report to the press any function or item of interest that may occur, but these clubs which do should see that such officials carry out their duties in an efficient manner. It considerably helps the club along.

Last week, in this column we touched upon the subject of the freedom of pedestrians in lounging about the roads, especially after nightfall, thus proving a danger to cyclists who, while exercising every care to avoid accidents, are liable at any time to run down a pedestrian. The law protects pedestrians in a most fatherly manner. Paths at the roadside are provided and yet they may leave the paths and walk in the roadway without any legal liability to themselves. Of course, cyclists under no consideration may take to the path, it is holy to the use of pedestrians. Cycling denotes a leader to this subject, and shows the idiocy of the existing rules of the road. It says pedestrians are supposed to keep to the right, whilst we, in the road are obliged to keep to the left, the natural consequence being that all the road traffic on his side of the road approaches him from behind, whereas if the rules were the same in both cases the pedestrian would invariably be facing the traffic which was approaching him on his side of the road. There is no doubt that if this was the case, many accidents would be avoided.

Some of the German professionals have done extremely well this season on the race path, and a list of prize money won by them on home tracks provides interesting reading. Robl heads a list with a sum total of £1,459 then comes the late A. Goermeiann with £979; Willy Arend £906; Karl Kaeser £392; Otto Meyer £320; Ruett £263; and B. Demke about £200. It must be remembered that the above amounts only represent the money won by the men on German soil. Robl for instance, must have won large sums in other parts of the world, for he has frequently figured on the Paris tracks where he has met with a large amount of success.

It must be said for the magistrates throughout this country they certainly administer justice when a cyclist has experienced a wrong at the hands of some driver but the same cannot be ascribed to the Magistrates in Germany. They invariably take the part of the driver whether he is at fault or not. At last a German court however have delivered a befitting sentence on a driver who deliberately drove after a cyclist and run him down and what's more left his victim badly injured on the roadway. The driver's complaint against the cyclist consisted in the wee-clman having sung when passing the cart. If vocal music has the same effect on the vanman as a red flag has on a bull then there is quietness in store for him during the next eighteen months the term of his sentence.

Some very interesting trials are to be held by the Automobile Club of Great Britain and Ireland which may result in some practical method of overcoming side-slips on motor cars being discovered. The trials are no other than Side-Slip Trials, and they will be exhaustive in their nature. In all devices entering for competition, drawings have to be provided and same passed by a committee of the Club, Such devices as are approved will have to pass through a preliminary test which will comprise a run over a greasy and tortuous course, to be covered within a fixed limit. Those devices that go through this test satisfactorily will have to enter for a futher test over at least 500 miles. It is stipulated that all anti-side-slip devices that enter for the trials must comply with the Local Government Board's regulations as to width of tyres, damage to roads &c. Good prizes will be offered as an inducement for inventors to enter.

The competition for selecting cars to represent England in the next Gordon Bennett Cup race—which by the way, will be decided in Germany next year—will be held in April next, and the executive committee of the Automobile Club are anxious that British manufacturers should take every advantage of same so that the best cars may compete and prove the superiority of English cars over those of French, German and Balgian make. Entries for the April trials will close on December 31st. The German Automobile Club have appointed a very powerful representative committee in connection with next year's race. Amongst the committee we recognise the names of Graf von Sierstorpff (chairman) Baron von Brandenstein, Duke Adolf Friedrich von Mecklenburg, and Baron Molitor von Muhlfelds.

The Motor Car Act will come into operation on January 1st, and on and after that date every motor will have to carry identification marks and the driver be duly licensed. Licenses will be issued by the County Authorities i. e., the Council of an Administration County and the Council of a County Borough. In Great Britain and Ireland, there are 213 counties or districts which will be used for registration purposes in the British Isles.

The famous motor cyclist, Lamberjack has broken the world motor cycle record over a kilometre run. The ride was accomplished at the Dourdan races held on the officially recognised course by the Automobile Club of France in the Forest of Dourdan. Lamberjack covered the distance in 34 1-5 seconds which works out at nearly 65 miles an hour. The course is an ideal one for speed work being perfectly level and straight and possessing a very good surface.

If the tyres of a motor bicycle are unduly inflated, the vibration on rough roads is excessive. They should not, however be ridden too slack. With a fully-equipped machine the tyres should be inflated so that they show a slight depression on the road. This air pressure will in such tyres as Dunlop's enable the wheels to glide over obstacles without shock or undue vibration.

BOMBAY ILLUSTRATED in a bright red cloth cover gives, in nearly two hundred pages, interspersed among numerous bold advertisements a purview of the Resources, Industries and Commerce of this enterprising island. This is the first publication of its kind in Bombay, and it gives a comprehensive, though short, history of Bombay of Health Resorts beyond the city of many of our large Commercial Houses In doing this it indicates the rapid progress made in many important branches of industry. There are an immense number of photographs of persons and places, either illustrative of the industries, the remarkable men, or the fine buildings of our very beautiful city. We note, however, that only two hotels obtain mention. Among the portraits are those of the Viceroy and Lady Curzon, Lord and Lady Northcote, and Lord and Lady Lamington, Sir James Monteath, the Chief Justice, Sir Lawrence Jenkins, Hon. Messrs. Justice Russell, Tyabji and Chandavarkar, Sir George Clarke, Mr. J. N. Tata, Dr. Theodore Dalhoff, Archbishop of Bombay, besides the heads or members of many merchant firms The book makes an excellent commercial and topographical souvenir of Bombay.

THE THIBET EXPEDITION.

THE MOVE INTO THE CHUMBI VALLEY.

We may expect to hear very shortly now that the Tibet Mission is concentrated ready for the move into the Chumbi

DISPUTE BETWEEN ICE MANUFACTURING COMPANIES.

SUIT IN THE HIGH COURT.

The Hon. Mr. Justice Russell, presiding at the High Court yesterday, heard a suit brought by the Bombay Ice Manufacturing Company against S. B. Fraser and Company, in which the plaintiffs' claim was that the defendants may be restrained from selling ice at any lower rate than that provided by the sub-agreement of 15th March 1902, or such other rate as may from time to time be mutually fixed under the agreement and sub-agreement; that the defendants be decreed to pay to the plaintiffs such sum as the court may deem fit by way of compensation for damage sustained by the plaintiffs by reason of the defendants selling ice at a lower rate; that for the purpose of ascertaining the amount of compensation all necessary accounts may be taken; that the defendants be decreed to pay to the Pool Fund the sum of Rs. 4,903-5-10 and Rs. 3,358-5-3 together with interest and costs, etc. The Hon. Mr. Scott, Mr. Lowndes, and Mr. Jardine, instructed by Messrs. Crasgie, Lynch, and Owen, appeared for the plaintiffs; and Mr. Inverarity, Mr. Raikes and Mr. Davar, instructed by Messrs. Payne and Co. appeared for the defendants.

The plaintiffs stated that by an agreement, dated 15th March 1902, and made between the Bombay Ice Manufacturing Company of the first part, the firm of Messrs. J and J Moir of the second defendant, the defendants of the third part, and Mr. Chabildas Lallubhoy of the fourth part, it was agreed as follows:—At from the 15th March 1902 until the 31st December 1903, the said parties shall carry on their respective business in concert under the conditions provided, they shall not sell ice for less than the prices that are mutually agreed to; sales of ice to steamers shall be concluded from the date of the agreement, but none of the parties to the agreement shall sell ice to steamers at a lower rate than Rs. 25 per ton, delivery from factory unless to complete current contracts. The other conditions related to the provision of a general fund, in which all the parties were to participate. By a subsequent agreement in the nature of a sub-agreement, it was agreed that the sale of ice by the parties shall be conducted by the parties in accordance with the term thereof. The plaintiffs and defendants proceeded to manufacture and sell ice in accordance with the terms of the agreements as from the 15th March 1902. From a statement of ice sold by the defendants during the week ending 21st April 1902, it appeared that they sold 5 tons of ice in breach of the sub-agreement, at the rate of Rs-29 per ton instead of Rs-38 per ton. By their letter of 15th May 1902, the defendants contended that the agreement referred to transparent and not to "frosty" ice; that they were justified, in the circumstances in selling the 5 tons of ice at the rate of Rs. 29 per ton; and that they would not bring into the Pool Fund, as from 15th May 1902, the difference contemplated by the agreements until the ratio of profits between the Bombay Ice Manufacturing Company and themselves was fixed in a certain proportion. With regard to the defendants' contention, the plaintiffs said that the object of the agreements was to enable the parties to carry on with reasonable profit to themselves, and to the benefit of the public, the business of manufacturing and selling ice, and to avoid undue competition, in rates between the said parties as such competition would have been detrimental to the parties, and incidentally to the public. Another statement furnished by the defendants to the agents of the Bombay Ice Manufacturing Company was not in accordance with the agreements, inasmuch as the defendants' contribution to the Pool Fund was not shown therein. The defendants subsequently informed the plaintiffs that they would, on the 1st June 1902, reduce the price of their ice and challenged the plaintiffs to prevent them from so doing by filing a suit against them. Plaintiffs said that the agreements were lawful and binding on the defendants, and that the effect of defendants selling ice below the rates agreed upon, would cause great damage to the plaintiffs. Statements of the monies due by the defendants had been furnished to them by Messrs. Forbes and Co., but defendants had failed to pay them.

The defendants, by their written statement, admitted their signatures to the documents, but did not admit that the agreement became binding before it was repudiated by them on the 27th May 1902. They believed that Mr. Thompson had no authority to sign the agreement on behalf of Messrs. Moir and Co. Defendants were induced to sign the documents by the representation of Messrs. C. H. B. Forbes and Co. that their machines were capable of producing an average output of 32 1-2 tons per diem, which representation was false in fact to the knowledge of the first plaintiffs. They were also misled by the representations of the second and third plaintiffs about the capacities of their machines, which were false to their knowledge. Such representations were the bases on which the agreement was entered into, and on which the proportion of profits was determined, and defendants therefore submitted the agreement was not binding on them, and that the plaintiffs' suit should be dismissed. The agreement, they said, was void, both as opposed to public policy and in restraint of trade; and so much of the agreement as provided that the parties should not sell ice for less than the prices mutually agreed upon and fixed by them, was void for the above reasons.

The hearing of the case was proceeded with.

CRICKET AT INDORE.

A very interesting cricket match was played on the Holkar College ground, on the 6th instant, between the Holkar College and Mr. Joshi's Eleven, the game resulting in a win for the latter by 137 runs. Messrs. R. C. Dotiwala and G. R. Tambe played in a very attractive style and retired after making a century between them. The College made a very feeble stand against the deadly bowling of Messrs. Shanker Rao and Joshi. The latter is a good left-hand fast bowler, very effective at times. Scores:—

HOLKAR COLLEGE.

Dhotarkar, b G S Joshi	4
V G Apte, b G S Joshi	0
Sane, b G S Joshi	0
Haktcher, b Shankar Rao	10
Kharkar, b Shankar Rao	1
Gadre, b G S Joshi	0
Dandawate, not out	2
Moghe, b Shankar Rao	0
Raghunath Singh, b Joshi	0
Birpute, b Joshi	1
Retrekar, c and b Joshi	0
Extras	1
Total	19

MR. JOSHI'S ELEVEN.

R C Dotiwalla, retired	55
G R Tambe, retired	42
Shankar Rao, c and b Sane	31
Md Unis, retired	20
N N Gokal	3
G S Joshi	
B A Master	
A G Khan	Did not bat.
J B Shankar	
C N Tata	
V S Joshi	
Extras	4
Total	156

The following will represent the G. M. College Gymkhana in the cricket match to be played with the Parsee Gymkhana to-day on their ground. The match to begin at 2 p.m., sharp:—Major Street (capt.), Captains Hutchinson and Moore, Messrs. Homi Kanga, Gimi Modi, Sangziri, Ashburner, Prabhaker, Cassels, Smith, and Johnstone.

HIGH COURT.—DECEMBER 12.

Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice TYABJEE.

Suits for hearing and final disposal.

Long Causes.

2 & 22—Manekjal J and H—The Hon Mr Goculdas Kahandas Parekh vs the Sun Life Assurance Co of Canada and others—Edgelow G and W—Part heard.

280/01—Manekjal J and H—The Advocate General vs Khimjee Jairam Naronjee and others—Thakurdas and Co—D and D, and D D Romer. (For postponement.

389/03—Unwala and P—Kalkhusroo Burjorjee Choksi vs Karsondas Karamsey—Payne and Co.

633/95—Shamrao and M—Wallatsat vs Godawribai and another—Payne and Co and D D Romer.

638/01—Peetmjee B and K—Peetmjee Hormusjee Jal vs Rustomjee Hormusjee Jal—Johnson and S.

300/03—Nanu and H—Haji Sharfudin bin Gulam vs Mahomed Ebrahim bin Mahomed—Sorabjee and J

398/03—Ardeshir H D and Co—Nowroji Jehangir Hormusji vs Pestonjee Jehangir Hormusjee and others—P K Kanga.

670/96—Framjee and D—Shaik Essa bin Khalifa vs Hoosein Oomer Jamal—Payne and Co

783/01—Payne and Co—Ibrahim Hassum vs Fazul Pecru Mahomed—Kanga and P

21/02—Payne and Co—Thurdas Shivjee vs Govind Visram and another—Unwala F P

36/03—In person—Sora Nagroy vs Muljee Inderjee and another—Bicknell M and M

163/02—Little and Co—Abdool Hoosein Jrewabhoy vs Abdul Hoosein Tyebally—Framjee and D.

795/01—Balkrishna V N K—Rungoobai widow vs Bhawoo Nursoo and others—Tyebjee D and Co.

394/03—Tyabjee D and Co—Damodar Umersey vs Bai Umba widow and another—K B Mehta.

459/03—Unwalla and P—Aishabai widow vs Rehmabai and others—Edgelow G and W and A H D and Co.

441/02—Jamsetjee and H—Abdool Cader bin vs Shaboodin vs Tajoodin bin Shaboodin—Captain and V—and A H D and Co.

Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice RUSSELL.

Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice CROWE.

Suits for hearing and final disposal.

Long Causes.

103-1460—105-1631—105-1632-01—Ardeshir H D and Co—Dharmmal Chhordas and another vs Chandrabhandas Chotharam and others.

737/02—Dinshi D and S—Morarjee Cullianjee vs Vizbhoosundas Jadusha—Chitnis M and M.

346/01—Dinshi D and S—Morarjee Cullianjee vs Vizbhoosundas Jadusha—Chitnis M and M.

935/01—Hirabhi L and S—Hal Mairabai Hajapurkarin vs Vishwanath Gopal and others—Daphtary and F

175/02—Marshal J and M Chunilal Tribhowan and others vs Ujambai widow and others—S B and N and E G and W.

248/02—Madhowjee V—Shamcarebai widow vs Bai Velli widow and others—Madhowjee V and B M and M.

120/03—Payne and Co—Kika Khoshali and another vs Perosha Shapurjee—Mulla and M.

138/02—M B Ghotia—Manockjee Bomonjee and others vs Atmaram Anandrao Chinto—Sharrad and M.

673/01—Tyabjee D and Co—Sukhanand Gurmukhrai and others vs Nagurmull Jatemull and others—J Sorabjee and F.

813/05—Payne and Co—Jethmull Ramanand and another vs Goculdrai Goojjarmull—Edgelow G and W.

218/98—Bicknell M and M—Motilal Balkissen and vs Shridhara Gopinath and others—Kanga and P.

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THE WEARING OF INDIAN ORDERS.

In the absence of any rules, there has hitherto been much uncertainty as to the occasions on, and the manner in, which decorations of the Orders of the Star of India and the Indian Empire and medals should be worn by Civil members of those Orders and holders of medals. The following memorandum is therefore published:

Plain Clothes—Morning Dress (Frock Coat).—(1) Ordinarily no decorations are worn. (2) On ceremonial occasions—Knights Grand Commanders wear the Star on the left breast. Knights Commanders wear the Star on the left breast. Companions wear the badge on the left breast. Possessors of medals wear them on the left breast.

Plain Clothes—Evening. (1) Ordinarily no decorations are worn. (2) On special occasions, when the order is "plain clothes with miniatures"—Knights Grand Commanders wear the Star on the left breast Knights Commanders wear the Star on the left breast. Companions wear the miniature on the lapells of the coat. Possessors of medals wear the miniature on the lapelle of the coat.

Official Undress Uniform—(Day). Knight Grand Commanders wear a piece of the riband of the breadth prescribed for a Companion of the Order and half an inch in length. Knights Commanders wear a piece of the riband of the breadth prescribed for a Companion of the Order and half an inch in length. Companions wear a piece of the prescribed ribaud half an inch in length. Possessors of medals wear a piece of the ribaud half an inch in length.

Official Evening Uniform ("Mess Dress," Civilian).—Knights Grand Commanders wear, on ordinary occasions, the Star alone on the left breast; on more formal occasions the Star on the left breast and, also, the badge suspended from a riband of the breadth prescribed for a Knight Grand Commander, worn over right shoulder and under the coat and waistcoat.

Knights Commanders wear, on ordinary occasions, the Star on the left breast; on more formal occasions the Star on the left breast and the riband and badge, the badge being suspended two inches below the lower edge of the stock and the riband being worn round the shirt collar underneath the coat.

Companions wear, on ordinary occasions, the miniature on the lapells of the coat; on more formal occasions the full size badge on the left breast.

Possessors of the medals wear, on ordinary occasions, the miniature on the lapelle of the coat; on more formal occasions the full size medals on the left breast.

Official Full Dress.—Knights Grand Commanders wear at investitures of the Orders and upon all great and solemn occasions the Mantle, Collar with badge attached, and Star. On "Collar Days," the collar, with badge attached, and Star, on all other occasions the Star and the badge suspended to a riband, of the description prescribed in the Statutes, worn over the right shoulder. Knights Commanders wear the Star on the left breast and the badge suspended, two inches below the lower edge of the collar, from the riband, which will be worn inside the collar of the coat. Companions wear the badge on the left breast. Possessors of medals wear the full size medal on the left breast.

An officer, who is a Knight Grand Commander or Knight Commander of more than one Order, wears the Stars of his Orders in sequence, according to their precedence, on his left breast, one above the other, or, where, owing to their number that is no possible, in the manner and order noted in the margin. The badges of such Orders are worn with the ribands under the collar, the badge of the senior Order suspended from the collar seam and the rest in sequence, each about half its diameter below the next above.

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As a general rule, however, the Star of the senior Order or decoration only is worn, unless it is desired to compliment a member of a particular Order, when the Star of that Order is worn by those in possession of it.

Medals are worn in their order of precedence, the first medal being place farthest from the left shoulder.

In undress, when there are more ribands than one to be worn, they are sewn on to the cloth of the coat in a row, without intervals. They should not overlap, and when there is not sufficient room to wear the ribands in one row, they should be worn in two or more rows, the lower being arranged directly under the upper.

Gentlemen not entitled to wear uniform should conform as nearly as possible to the practice prescribed under heads III, IV and V on occasions on which uniform is worn by those entitled to it.

A CURIOUS MARRIAGE CUSTOM.

FATAL RESULT OF A BRIDE CAPTURE.

In the Madras High Court on Wednesday before the officiating Chief Justice and Mr. Justice Boldam an appeal was heard against conviction and sentence in a case in which the Agent to the Governor at Ganjam convicted Savara Jibo and Dori of the offence of culpable homicide not amounting to murder, in July last, by causing the death of one Dampoolo, and sentenced the first accused to four years' rigorous imprisonment and the second accused to two years' rigorous imprisonment. The case was interesting, in as much as it disclosed a peculiar custom of marriage prevailing among the Savaras, a Hindu community mostly populating the Agency Division of Ganjam. On the 8th July last, the accused with a number of others of their village went to a neighbouring village with the object of taking away the daughter of the complainant as the bride of the first accused. The custom of carrying away a bride from her parents house with some resistance, or show of resistance was common among the Savaras; but there was an understanding that food and drink must be offered to the relations of the bride before she could be removed. In the present case the first accused who was the bridegroom did not comply with the usual custom of giving a feast to the bride's people and the bride's mother objected to the marriage on that account. The accused's party however managed to carry off the bride; her mother raised an alarm on which the deceased and others ran up and tried to stop the accused's party. They were outnumbered and the deceased was knocked down and struck, after he fell on the ground. He died immediately from rupture of the spleen. Their Lordships, who seeing no reason to interfere dismissed the appeal.

THE WEATHER.

[BY TELEGRAPH.]

SIMLA, DECEMBER 11.

Friday:—The barometer has been steady or has fallen slightly in Baluchistan, North-West India and the Peninsula, and has fallen slightly to briskly in North-East and Central India and Burma. The weather has been fine every where except in further Kashmir where light snow has fallen. The disturbance in Kashmir has apparently passed away and skies are clear this morning in the west Himalayas generally where the temperature has fallen rapidly. The temperature has risen briskly to rapidly in the Bangetic plain and the Peninsula, and during the past 24 hours was in moderate to considerable excess in the United Provinces, the Rajputana, Central India and the Central Provinces. It was in defect over the southern half of the Peninsula. The weather is fine and settled over the whole country and will probably continue so during next 24 hours.

OBSERVATIONS TAKEN AT 8 A.M., ON FRIDAY, THE 11TH DECEMBER,

SUMMARY.

Pressure changes though small and somewhat irregular show a fall over a large area. The barometer is fairly normal on the Malabar Coast and from '02 to 14 of an inch below it elsewhere, the greatest deficiency occurring in Rajputana, the Punjab and the United Provinces and at Jubbulpore and Raipur.

Winds are very variable in direction and generally light in force.

Temperature.—The greatest variations from normal are:—Maximum 5° to 7° in excess in Rajputana, Lower Sind and at Neemuch, Saugor, Jubbulpore, Khandwa, Nagpur, Akola and Malegaon and the minimum 5° to 7° in defect at Coimbatore, Bellary and Bijapur and 5° to 6° in excess of Saugor and Jhansi. The maximum varied from 91° at Surat to 77° at Bangalore and the minimum from 73° at Negapatam to 37° at Jacobabad.

Cloud and Humidity.—The sky is almost clear everywhere.

Rain.—No rain has fallen.

Weather continues fine and settled in the Bombay Presidency.

E. A. KENYON,
Meteorological Reporter for Western India.

METEOROLOGICAL OBSERVATIONS,
GOVERNMENT OBSERVATORY, COLABA,
Bombay, 10th December, 1903.

Means of observations taken at 8 a.m., 10 a.m., 2 p.m. 5 p.m., and 10 p.m.	
Barometer corrected 32 dex. Fah.	inches 29·920
Temperature of the Air	degrees 76·2
Wet Bulb Thermometer	69·3
Dew Point	67·0
Relative humidity of Air	0·743
Extent of cloudy sky (the whole sky clouded = 10)	0·2
Maximum temperature of air (read at 8 a.m.) next day	degrees 84·1
Minimum do. (read at 8 a.m.)	68·9
General Directions of wind.	NNE, N, ENE, NW, NNW.
Movement of Wind in 24 hours	miles 180

*From midnight to midnight.

N. A. F. MOOS.
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HERE, THERE, AND EVERYWHERE.

MARTINMAS EVE is memorable in Warwickshire for a quaint but very interesting ceremony. Before sunrise at Knightlow Cross, Ryton-on-Dunsmore, near Coventry, the payment of worth silver to the Duke of Buccleuch, and Queensberry is made. The payments varying from a penny to a shilling and over, are levied on the various parishes of the Hundred of Knightlow for the privilege of using certain roads. The ancient charter, which is always read to the company participating, provides for a severe penalty—the forfeiture of "a white bull with red nose and ears for every penny not forthcoming." According to history the penalty was only enforced once, when the animal was discarded because it did not exactly answer the description. It would be difficult indeed to enforce it now, inasmuch as such a breed of cattle is quite extinct. When the ceremony is over the company proceed to a wayside hostelry for breakfast, after which they drink to the Duke's health and prosperity in glasses of hot rum and milk.

One of the Independent members of the New Zealand Parliament has been attacking the Premier, Mr. Seddon, on the score undue nepetism. According to his statement Mr. Seddon's own salary, direct and indirect, reaches the respectable figure of £3,000 per annum; Mr. Seddon's daughter, who accompanies him everywhere as private secretary receives £300 a year in salary and travelling expenses; a son, who served in South Africa draws £200 as a "military expert," plus 15s. a day as travelling expenses; a brother dips into the New Zealand Treasury to the extent of £150, a son-in-law £300 and a nephew £200.

Stamp collectors have been surprised by the announcement that another "2d. Mauritius" stamp has been discovered. This stamp is one of the most valuable stamps in the world, and was discovered in a most remarkable way in the collection of a Glasgow gentleman. He has not collected since 1864, but still keeps his old albums as a memory of boyhood. The other day a lady was looking through them, when she suddenly came across what she at once recognised as a stamp worth a fortune. Experts were at once communicated with, and her opinion was confirmed. The stamp is now in a frame by itself, and in a well-known auctioneer's strongest safe. This particular stamp is so valuable because, owing to a mistake of the engravers, it was imprinted with the words "post office" instead of "post paid." The issue was hastily withdrawn and but a few are now extant. The auctioneers it is said have already received several private offers of £1,000 for the stamp, but they are sanguine it will realise far more than this at the public sale.

A distinguished public man is amusing his friends with the following Story:—Not long ago I came upon a stranger fishing in my lake. I did not learn until afterwards that the trespasser had been there all the afternoon without a bite. Stepping to his side, I politely invited his attention to the fact that he was fishing in a private preserve, in violation of the law. The stranger smiled sad sadly. You are mistaken, Sir, he replied I'm not catching your fish; I'm feeding them.

Apropos of Lord Rowton's death the terms of Disraeli's bequest to his literary executor are interesting. Lord Beaconsfield wrote:—I give to the said Montagu Corry full discretion with regard to the publication of all or any such documents, leaving him to decide as to the time and mode of publication. And as many of the said documents are connected with my official and public life, and contain matters bearing on the character and conduct of contemporary statesmen, and on affairs which may be of importance to the public interest should not be prematurely or indiscreetly disclosed, I give the above discretion to the said montague Corry in the full assurance that he will scrupulously respectthe confidence reposed in me, and will cause or allow nothing to be published calculated to do injury to the public service, or to indict needless pain on the living or the families of the dead.

A writer in the current number of the "British Realm" says of Lord Kitchener, who has met with such a serious accident, that, like Iago, he does not wear his heart upon his sleeve for daws to peck at, but he has a heart, and a warm one too. The man who follows through life the woman who nursed him as a child, who never misses an opportunity of seeing that old nurse, is not heartless; and if he has hesitated at the lottery of marriage, he is not the only brave man who has shrunk from the edge of that precarious cliff. No; it is a contradiction of all the laws of human nature to suppose that from a being so gifted there has been left out that supreme gift of feeling and of love. When Queen Victoria, the greatest of England's monarchs, spoke of his first visit to her at Balmoral, she said: They say he hates women; I can only say he was very nice to me.

The School Guardian gives some particulars of a very original and rather novel method of enforcing school attendance. The pupils are periodically photographed, and each presented with a copy of the print subsequently obtained, very much to the envy of those who have been absent on the day the photograph was taken. The idea is a Devonshire one, and may be more generally employed as it becomes more widely known.

The visitors' book at Clandon Park, Lord Onslow's Surrey residence, contains many Royal singantures also those of all the members of the Colonial Conferences of 1887 and 1902, the members of the Indian Imperial Service who attended the Diamond jubilee of the late Queen, and the signatures of the Indian and Colonial guests at the King's Coronation. Among other objects of interest (according to the "World") is a Boer rifle. Upon the stock are neatly carved the names of about a dozen of those engagements which were household words a couple of years ago, ending with Spion Kop, in which the former owner had been engaged—his last battle, for the next engagement he fell.

King Edward is very punctilious in the matter of his birthday letters and telegrams, and each year these congratulatory messages are counted up so that everyone knows whether there is an increase or a falling off in the current number as compared to those received on previous occasions. The number of birthday gifts received by His Majesty last week (remarks the "Onlooker") are side to be even more numerous than for his birthday in Coronation year. Jewelled trifles, in novel shapes, were numerous from his guests at Sandringham, and the Earl of Dudley's gift was especially appreciated. It is a match box of quite new shape, being round and very thin, the inside coated with blue enamel set with sapphires, the patent spring marked by one beautiful blue stone. The outside is of white enamel, with roses, thistles, and shamrock, and the Royal crown carried out exquisitely in coloured enamels.

According to astronomical calculations until Monday last meteoric showers were to make their appearance every evening. They belong to the great group of the Leonids, who circle round the sun in a period of some 33 1-4 years, their path being crossed by the earth towards the middle of November. The years 1833 and 1866 provided on this account magnificent displays of celestial fireworks, but in 1899 they were conspicuous by their non-appearance. Nor in the present year can any striking display be looked for, but, given favourable circumstances, a sight of the meteors should be possible.

Both the King and Queen of Italy are found of sport, the Queen especially so. She is an excellent shot and a wonderful climber. When in Montenegro she announced her intention of revisiting on foot the mountains about Cettigne. Her Italian ladies-in-waiting glanced at each other in consternation, and all, with one exception, begged to be excused, the request being good-naturedly granted. One, however, young and lovely, ambitious for the favour of her mistress, determined to brave all and go too. The next morning at six all had gathered except the venturesome lady, who at last appeared in a gown with a train, which, however, had been all carefully pinned up, scent bottle in hand, and in high-heeled, thin kid slippers. The Queen took in this vision, and remarked smilingly that she looked pale, that evidently she was not feeling well, and had better not undertake so arduous a climb. The hint was accepted, she stayed behind, but lost nothing, as she has since been prime favourite, and often laughs over the incident with her Royal friend, who says:—"Never forget again that you are ornamental."

The management of the new underground Metropolitan railway of Paris has set itself to solve the problem of the ideal smoking carriage—one that shall permit smoking freely without fouling the air of turning the compartment into a refrigerator. The Prefect of Police and a select party yesterday made practical experiment with the new carriage which is eight yards long and instead of glass windows has metal plates perforated with square holes, a score of cigars did their best to make the test sufficiently searching and the result was voted a complete success. There were no draughts, and the smoke was rapidly carried away. The carriages, however, are to be made smaller for the sake of warmth.

The Polish antiquarian, Dr. A. Bruckner, claims to have demolished utterly a cherished tradition of that section of the Slav race in communion with the Church of Rome, Slavs claim Saints Cyrel and Methodius as the apostles and evangelisers of their country, and the two saints are canonised in the Roman calendar. Dr. Bruckner, however, claims to have established as certain that both were in fact emissaries of Photius, the famous originator of the Byzantine schism, and the founder of the Greek non-Umate Church. and, by consequence, out of communion with Rome.

A French farmer in the Ludeac district, who left his farm without levelling a certain old earth mound, as he had contracted to do, now knows what his bad husbandry has lost to him. His successor in the tenancy was working at the mound the other day, when his pick struck an earthen vessel. This he carefully extracted, and it was found to contain a large number of gold coins of the remote periods of Henri II, Henri III., and Henri IV. They are worth a large sum.

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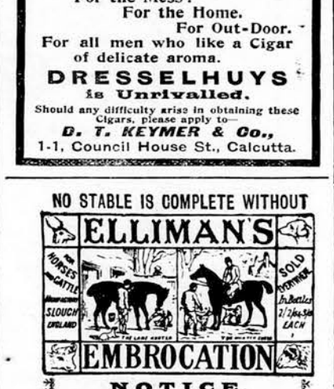

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M. A. P. IN THE GREEN ROOM

ACCORDING to several courteous communications I have received this week from readers of "M. A. P.," it is possible for a man to live and move in theatrical London for quite a number of years before making the acquaintance of a stage joke which with many people belongs to the memories of early childhood. In recording my impression of Mr. George Edward's bright and enjoyable production at the new Gaiety Theatre, I went out of my way to draw special attention to Mr. Edmund Payne's comically-expressed words. I don't know what's the matter with me. I eats well, I drinks well and I sleeps well. But when anyone mentions the word, work, I comes over all of a tremble! And—the misfortune of it!—I marked off the new Gaiety joke as an instalment of compensation for much of the reminiscent matter, musical and otherwise, which The Orchid was found to contain.

This was a grievous mistake on my part, and I have been told of it so many times that I am inclined to entertain with extravagant hospitality the knowledge that I committed it with the friendliest intentions. A retired commander in the Royal Navy was the first to take me to task (on a post-card by the way) for repeating the joke without apologising for its extreme age. My next reprover was the telephone, with an eminent comedian—not Mr. Edmund Payne—at the other end of it. Then followed, in alarmingly rapid succession, a number of communications from all sorts and conditions of readers of "M.A.P." in town and a country; and finally I am crushed almost beyond repair by the following remarks, by letter, from a clever member of one of the Florodora companies on tour: That this saying was once funny I do not deny, but why from Payne? Youth is no crime, and you will, I hope, forgive me when I inform you that this gag was used in the music halls and used again ad nauseam by the coloured comics so many years ago that the name of the originator, unless it was Adam, escapes me. So I have registered a vow never to make an extract from the dialogue of musical comedy again. The responsibilities of such an act are too heavy.

That brilliant and brainy young lady, Miss Haidee Gunn, who had just been secured by Mr. Edward Compton for such parts as Lady Teazle, Miss Hardcastle Lydia Languish, and Violet (in Davy Garrick) goes to her new engagement in company with an experience which very few actresses of her age—a month or two over twenty—can look back to. Miss Gunn, who is divinely tall, and if not divinely fair, quite as divinely medium, is the daughter of the late Mr. Michael Gunn, of the Gaiety Theatre, Dublin, and for so long and profitably connected with the late Mr. D'Oyly Carte's Gilbert and Sullivan enterprises. Although her first appearance on the stage was made only a couple of years ago (speaking roughly), and her time before that had been chiefly employed in seeking and gaining distinguished honours at Oxford in literature and language; Miss Haidee Gunn has "starred" in nearly all of what may be called the popular classics of the drama. During a provincial tour organised some months ago by her charming and talented mother, Miss Gunn successfully enacted the heroine in a dozen plays, and these included Much Ado About Nothing, Twelfth, Night Romeo and Juliet, Pygmalion and Galatea, and Ingomar. It was not unusual in the course of this run round for the young actress to appear in a different play each night so it will be gathered that she goes now into Mr. Compton's company with some idea of work.

Strange substitutes for the coin of the realm are known to have been tendered at the box-offices of English theatres by the eccentric. Once at the wired pigeon-hole of the now defunct Globe, a gentleman who had come out with no money (a perfectly ridiculous thing to do in London) but was nevertheless very anxious to see the late Miss Ada Cavendish play the heroine in Robert Buchanan's Lady Clare, hoped he would be permitted to take a seat in the dress-circle if he left with the box-office keeper, as security, his season-ticket on the North-Western Railway between Watford and Euston. Within a week or two of the opening of the Tivoli music-hall, a young man up from the country, who had spent his last shilling sooner in the day than he had intended, went to the box-office of this successful house and wished to know if he could have a seat in the circle in exchange for a Waterbury watch and a spirit-level. And instances, of course, are countless where flashily dressed persons, male and female, have tried the experiment, and failed, of purchasing boxes at the eleventh hour with cheques all ready for the banker's sarcastic inscription. Refer to drawer.

But Mr. G. H. Snazelle, the veteran entertainer, who has recited and lectured in nearly every discovered part of the world, has a tale to tell of box-office curiosities which the man who has no personal knowledge of the teller's truthfulness will find a little difficult to swallow. When giving his entertainment in the Fiji Islands, Mr. Snazelle counted among his receipts one night four beautiful suckingpigs, eight-hundred cocoanuts, a thousand moonstones, forty pearls, twenty-three canoes, two-hundred yards of native cloth, forty-two Fiji costumes, three whales-teeth, about a hundred sharks' teeth, two cartloads of lovely coral, seven grog blows, and any amount of spears, knobsticks, knives, mats, and pillows. Mr. Snazelle says that no auctioneer in the Passive Resistance districts ever had so odd a collection of stuff to sell as he had to realise before and after leaving the Fiji Islands. The eight hundred cocoanuts fetched practically nothing, and he wished he could have sold them in Whitechapel a few days before a Bank Holiday. The two cartloads of coral were no good as coals, the four sucking pigs were three and seven-eighths too many for him, and as it was his custom to give his entertainment at night in evening dress and to spend the day in some other civilised costume, the hundred sharks' teeth and the three whales' ditto might just have been so many pebbles on the beach.

This is hardly the weather for house-boats up the river, and yet a house-boat—an unusually large and luxurious one, of course—is what the floods have turned Mrs. Brown-Potter's magnificent river residence into. The water is not yet in the pretty Old English drawing-room at Bray Lodge, Maidenhead, neither is it finding its level on the oaken floor of the massively built morning-room, which is an exact copy of a hall in a mediæval castle, and reminds one irresistibly of the illustrations in Stanley Weyman's novels. But it has passed up the little white steps at the bottom of the garden and rushed over the path of the first little terrace and fussed round the base of the Dendy Sadlerian sundial and crept up the slope to the second little terrace and made other encroachments too numerous to describe; so that looking at the house from a distance from over the river, Bray Lodge seems to be actually resting on the water like an improved Noah's Ark; and one is reminded by this sad sight of Dan Leno's account of his own beautiful Thames, residence which, he said, had the river at the bottom of the garden—when the garden wasn't at the bottom of the river.

Meanwhile Mrs. Brown-Potter nothing daunted by the wholesale damper which has been aimed at the very root of her mansion is hard at work on many a dramatic plan for the future and it is not unlikely that one of these plans has something to do with the introduction of the Vicar of Gorleston's play, For Church or Stage? to London audiences. And in the midst of the solid stage work of her profession the beautiful actress finds time and heart to give her services to the crying charities of the world and that these services are valued by the great people who organise the numerous Funds as highly as by the toilers who benefit by them is pretty clearly shown in a letter I am taking the liberty of repeating in these columns. The letter, which is from Lady Maud Warrender, is a type of many which Mrs. Brown-Potter is in the habit of receiving from the society her talent, taste, and tact long since admitted her into. And it speaks not only of the popularity of Mrs. Brown Potter in Society but also of the popularity of hard work and kind deeds among the great ladies of the land.

Dear Mrs. Brown-Potter,—I am going to ask you to do me a very gracious and kind thing, and that is to come and recite for me at the big concert I am organising at the Colston Hall at Bristol, on Saturday, February 13th, at 3-30 p.m., for the Lifeboat Fund which is in such need of money. The Duchess of Beaufort wishes me to say that she would be so glad if you would come to Badminton for the Friday and we should all go to Bristol from there on Saturday.

I hope to make it one of the finest concerts ever given at Bristol and with your valuable help, which would be an untold addition to the programme, I think we ought to make a large sum. I cannot say how grateful I should be if you would come and help me.

Yours sincerely,
MAUD WARRENDER.

Mrs. Brown-Potter received this appeal on behalf of the Lifeboat Fund when the floods at Maidenhead were at their highest, so she immediately wrote to Lady Maud Warrender to say that she would be delighted to assist in so noble a cause.

Some three or four years ago there was published a book, The Vision Splendid, which made a very considerable sensation in theatrical circles, because it was understood to be a direct attack on the morality, or rather the immorality, of the stage. The authoress, Miss Florence Bright, herself an actress, in her younger days (which, by the way are not by any means vaguely connected with the present time) disclaimed this idea in an address she delivered before the Playgoers' Club on The Stage as a Profession for Women, which was very fully reported in the press. Miss Bright stated that in her novel she desired to indicate the difficulties and temptations that beset the life of a girl on the stage, the said girl being possessed of great physical attractions and of a refined and sensitive temperament.

Miss Bright has just published a new novel with the engaging title of One Pretty Pilgrim's Progress (Nash). In this work she deals with a girl of much the same stamp as the heroine of The Vision Splendid but here the young lady is placed in the City. It will thus be seen that the authoress is on something of the same ground as Mr. Pinero in Letty but the story of the novel is very diffrent from that of the play and is a powerful piece of work at once well-written and deeply interesting. There is at least one chapter in the book which can hardly fail to attract particularly as its subject is infrequent in literature. Probably a woman has ever engaged it before.

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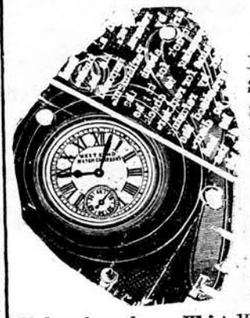

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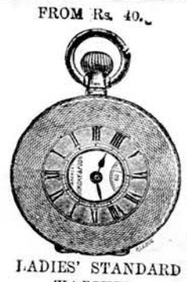

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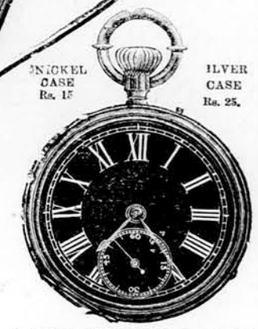

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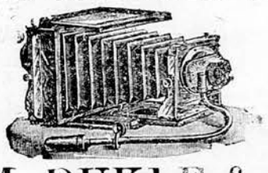

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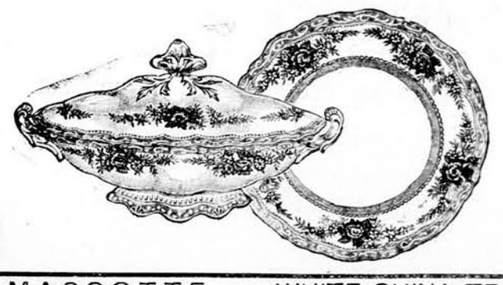

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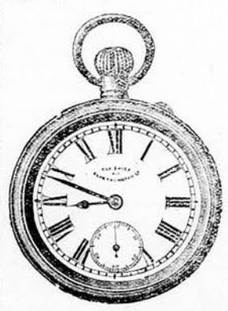

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